Position encouraging as Birds return to nest

The Orioles and their followers have reason to be encouraged as they open a 10-game home stand tonight (Friday) at Memorial Stadium, Kansas City visiting.

Although the Birds returned from their road trip a half-game out of first place, unseated by Milwaukee only because the Brewers were winning two while the O's were scoring once in Texas.

Reason for relative satisfaction in their position stems from the fact that the Birds have the advantage in the loss column of the standings.

Trailing Milwaukee in games won, they can make up the difference by themselves winning. The Brewers cannot retrieve a game already lost.

Further encouragement may be found in the very conscious realization that they have continued in the tightly packed division race despite the long (injury-forced) absences of Jim Palmer, Mike Flanagan and, for a brief period Tippy Martinez.

Other contenders also have endured hurts to key personnel but the Birds' problems were compounded by an horrendous (team) hitting slump.

That may be expected to run its course now that the club is back home.

There were signs in the waning days despite the one-hit embarrassment the O's suffered Tuesday night.

When they snapped the streak, Gary Roenicke, Ken Singleton and Cal Ripken Jr., took turns. Wednesday night in Texas, it was Dan Ford's turn . . . LACY.



Dan Ford
It was his turn in Texas

Colts begin to erase doubt

By Sam Lacy

Under ordinary circumstances, the two victories scored by the Colts the last two weeks — over the Oilers at Houston and the Vikings at Minnesota — would be regarded as meaningless.

But these are not ordinary circumstances today.

In many quarters, Colt victories at the moment are gratifying no matter where, when and over whom they are scored. After only two wins in their last 25 games in regular season NFL competition, the local faithful will take them any way they come.

And when they are registered the way they were at Houston and Minnesota, it begins to dawn on Baltimore that this may be the year to erase the football frustration on 33rd Street.

The totally different attitude in the Colt camp is what has impressed most.

The players, at least to this point, are performing with genuine zest as opposed to their mechanical approach of the past two years.

They are aggressive on offense, and leave no doubt that going into Sunday's game against the Giants at New York they will know what they're expected to do and how to do it.

On defense, there is hitting with a purpose, thanks to the enthusiasm of such newcomers as Vernon Maxwell, Leo Wisniewski, Johnny Cooks, et al.

These young 1982 draftees have forged a quick fuse with veterans Sanders, Shiver, Greg Bracelin, Cliff Odom and Gary Padjen to present what is without doubt the most promising inner wall of recent years.

With serious work on the secondary, the Baltimore prospect of a 4-12 season seems reachable.

Not great, but considerably better than zero for nine.

NBA 'dazzle' array at Civic Saturday

They'll be wearing National Basketball Association identification but the entourage of players running the Civic Center floor tomorrow (Saturday) night may very well treat the spectators to a performance as dazzling as one programmed by the Harlem Globetrotters.

The Stroh's Roundball Classic will tip off at 8 o'clock with just about all of the NBA's "showboat" players with the exception of Julius "Dr. J" Erving.

The Lakers' Magic Johnson will be in with his reputation as one of the top sleight-of-hand artists of the game.

On view also will be the ball-handling wizardry of Mark Aguirre and Isiah Thomas, the "dunking" danger of Darrell Dawkins, the shot-blocking genius of "Tree" Rollins, and the leaping antics of Dominique Wilkins, among others.



Dominique Wilkins
newcomer to city

Wilkins, referred to in NBA circles as "Skywalker," was the sensation of collegiate ranks while at Georgia, and was a first-round pick by Utah in 1981.

While others have appeared here at one time or another in recent years, it will be the flamboyant ex-Bulldog All-American's initial visit to the area.



TIGER AIDE—Len Gordy, assistant basketball coach at University of Arizona, has been named to similar job at Towson State. At Arizona, Gordy, a native of Chester, Pa., served under Fred Snowden.

Cage officials

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation Division of Amateur Athletics will conduct basketball officials' instructional classes at the Patterson Park Recreation Center at 2601 E. Baltimore St.

All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 7-14-21-28 and Oct. 5-12.

Chipped

Former Howard University star Chip Hooper, a Californian now on the Grand Prix pro tennis tour, was ousted in the first round of the ATP Championship at Mason, Ohio, Tuesday. He bowed to Ivan Lendl, 6-3, 6-4.

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Tony Peters drug trial set Oct. 12

ALEXANDRIA, VA. (UPI) — A judge has set Washington Redskins star Tony Peters' drug conspiracy trial for Oct. 12.

Peters, 30, who appeared in court in a gray business suit, faces up to 114 years in prison and $215,000 in fines on nine counts of conspiracy, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, selling cocaine, traveling across state lines to distribute cocaine and using the telephone to facilitate the drug deals.

When asked whether Peters might plead guilty to some of the counts in a plea bargain agreement, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Aronica said, "I really can't comment on that."

Peters was arrested earlier this month at the Redskins training camp in Carlisle, PA. Team officials said the strong safety has been excused from practice so he can devote his time to the preparation of his trial.

The nine-year veteran of the National Football League, who recently signed a $1 million contract with the Redskins, is accused of accepting $3,000 in middleman fees in three cocaine deals transacted in northern Virginia.

An 18-count indictment against Peters and seven others charged that the defendants engaged in a conspiracy from September 1982 until July 1983.

Sentence starts

LOS ANGELES — Former boxing promoter Harold Rossfield Smith, the central figure in one of the largest bank embezzlements in history, began serving a 10-year prison sentence Monday.

Smith, 40, reported to the U.S. MARSHALL'S OFFICE WEARING A COWBOY HAT AND CARRYING THREE BOOKS. In addition to the 10-year sentence, Smith also faces five years of federal probation for embezzling $21 million from Wells Fargo Bank.

Smith was charged in a 32-count federal indictment with instigating the embezzlement of bank funds by persuading officials to cover bogus checks, and by other illegal means.

Jordan stuns Pan Am crowd, Brazil five

CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI) — Michael Jordan brought his electric moves to South America Tuesday night, scoring 29 points and rallying an unsettled United States basketball team to a 72-69 victory over Brazil in the IX Pan American Games.

The 6-foot-5 All-America from North Carolina dazzled a capacity crowd at Poliedro de Caracas as the Americans rallied from a 10-point deficit midway through the second half.

Jordan, offering an assortment of inside moves and spectacular moves on outside shots, scored 19 of his team's last 25 points in singlehandedly disposing of Brazil, one of the tournament's strongest teams.

In a seven-minute span that brought the U.S. from a 55-45 deficit, Jordan hit for 13 points to even the game at 65 with 3:34 to go.



RECUPERATES — Thomas "Rapp" Wheatley, one-time Morgan basketball star now on Mayor Schaefer's staff, is home following surgery to repair an injury suffered playing veterans softball. The operation was performed Tuesday. He was discharged by Union Memorial Hospital Thursday.

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'Deacon' Brown and sister Annie Knuckles at Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame induction, 1978.

Heart attack claims Johnny 'Deacon' Brown

Funeral service was held Friday at Ebenezer Baptist Church for Johnny "Deacon" Brown, well-known local boxing figure.

Brown died Monday at University Hospital, succumbing at age 65 to a heart attack.

A former fighter who made his professional debut a winning one on the undercard of the Henry Armstrong - Barney Ross welterweight title fight in 1938, later became a part-time fight manager and promoter.

He was inducted into the Maryland Veteran Boxers Association Hall of Fame in 1978.

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The "deacon" experienced chest pains at his home, 3001 Belmont Ave., early Monday and was rushed to the hospital by his younger brother, Milton, and wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown. He died a short time later, collapsing in the arms of his wife.

Aside from his brother and widow, Brown is survived by two sisters, Mesdames Annie Knuckles and Naomi Epps, both of Baltimore.

He was eulogized by Ebenezer pastor, the Rev. Mr. Clarence Poole. Interment was at Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville.

All-City pep rally planned

City High School football players and coaches, and all-city marching band and cheerleader troupe will be featured at an All-City Pep Rally Aug. 29 at the Lexington Market Arcade parking lot.

Figures from local pro teams will make personal appearances in what are being called rally warmups.

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On Tuesday, Ken Singleton will bring a message from the Orioles to Saratoga and Eutaw Streets.

On Wednesday, general manager Ernie Accorsi will represent the Colts at Howard and Franklin.

Members of the indoor soccer Blast will be on hand Thursday (25th) at Saratoga and Park.

And the Skipjacks will have representatives at Eutaw and Baltimore on Friday.

Kids' soccer camp set at Mt. Pleasant

A soccer clinic for boys and girls ages 5-15 will be held tomorrow (Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Park, Perring Parkway and Belvedere Ave.

Nick Mangione will be the featured coach in the mini-camp which will stress fundamentals of soccer, followed by small-field scrimmages.

Campers should bring their own lunches. For further information call 426-7846.

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'Still getting compliments' Nathan Carter...Morgan Choir

By Ida Peters

"We're still getting compliments a week later. Everywhere we go people are telling us they saw us on TV at Pier Six opening the 13 Harborlights Festival for Cab Calloway and the Eubie Blake Jazz Festival".

Thus Nathan Carter, director of the world-famous Morgan Choir, commented on the 45 minute show they put on last week at the Inner Harbor.

He said the 40 member Morgan Choir group he used was his summer group made up of people living in the Maryland area. They sang William Dawson's "Great Day" plus two water songs since the concert was in the Inner Harbor.

They sang "Ole Man River" in the classic William Warfield version, Cab later did a scat, uptempo version of the same song.

Cynthia Hills soloed on "Roll Jordan" and they did a medly of songs from Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Ladies", "Roll Jordan" and "Weary" from the Broadway musical "Eubie," were also televised on the 100th Birthday Salute to Eubie Blake at the Kennedy Center.



Cynthia Hills sings Eubie Blake's "Roll Jordan" from Eubie Blake's Broadway show "Eubie."



Nathan Carter and Morgan Choir open Eubie Blake Jazz Festival in televised concert that featured Cab Calloway and his daughter Chris.



Chris Calloway put on show with her father.

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Starting last week, we were asked to take over as Editor of Friday Plus, the AFRO's newest publication for the Baltimore-Washington area.

This week, you'll find much of What's Happening in Friday Plus. Coming up! We'll be doing a feature on Amy Elizabeth Keys, Miss Maryland. She will represent this state in Atlantic City, Sept. 14-15-16. She has been on a USO tour and this week she's in Winchester, Va. and South Carolina getting her designer wardrobe together. She lives in Lanham, Md.

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Count Basie will celebrate his actual 79th Birthday Sunday, Aug. 21 when he brings his orchestra and Nancy Wilson to Towson Center at Towson State University for a benefit for Diabetic children.

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Stephanie Mills, who sprang to stardom as an unknown teenager in the seven-time Tony Award-winning hit Broadway musical "The Wiz", will once again star in the musical in a six-month national tour beginning Sept. 16 in Boston and culminating in her return to Broadway in the role she originated in the spring.

Two-time, Tony Award winner Geoffrey Holder, who staged the original production, will direct and Tony Award winner George Faison will do the choreography and stage the musical numbers as he did in the original production.

Boston will be the first stop on this new national tour of "The Wiz", which is well remembered for its acres of fantastic costumes, also created by Geoffrey Holder, and its magnificent scenery. "The Wiz", based on L. Frank Baum's immortal classic, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, has a book by William F. Brown. Tony winner Charles Smalls wrote the music and lyrics (the musical won the Grammy award for Best Cast Album), and the orchestrations are by Harold Wheeler.

Following Boston, "The Wiz" will go on to play Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Washington, D.C. as well as such cities as Cincinnati, Baltimore, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Richmond, Va., Philadelphia and Denver, among others.

Stephanie Mills starred on Broadway in "The Wiz" for four years in the role of Dorothy and went on to become a leading recording and concert performer. Her first album, "Whatcha Gonna Do With My Lovin' " in 1979 was a gold hit. Her second effort, "Sweet Sensation", also went gold. She won a Grammy as Best Female R&B Vocal Performer for her single "I Never Knew Love Like This Before", and she was also named Billboard Magazine's Top Disco Artist, and R&B Female Artist of the Year. She won top honors as Best Female R&B Artist at the American Music Awards in 1981, and received a second Grammy nomination.

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Michael Jackson is planning a return vacation to the Hotel Royal Plaza to dedicate the resort's new "Michael Jackson Suite" in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Jackson, who has stayed at the resort four times, once for five weeks, wants to be the first person to stay in "his" suite when it's finished in September.

The new Michael Jackson Suite will have a theatrical theme. Color scheme will be grey, white and black, with dramatic touches such as black lacquered mirrored furniture and Tivoli lights. A signed and framed Michael Jackson platinum record will hang in each of the suite's three rooms — two bedrooms and living room — and the singer's signature will be etched on the door. Hotel Royal Plaza secluded in a resort setting inside Walt Disney World Village, is just minutes from the excitement of Epcot Center and the Magic Kingdom.

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How does the man do it? An inexhaustable musical appetite keeps RCA recording artist Fonzi Thornton constantly on the go with numerous creative and exciting new projects. Just finishing his work co-writing and co-producing the forthcoming album by The Jones Girls, Thornton took time out to record with some well-known friends. "The Leader" sang two new commercial jingles for Kentucky Fried Chicken with Valerie Simpson, Gladys Knight and Luther Vandross, and with Al Green. These radio and television spots should begin running in the fall. The current single off his LP "The Leader" is entitled "(Uh-Oh) There Goes My Heart".

Bohannon, one of the hottest R&B artists on the charts today, is gearing up for his new album release, "The Bohannon Drive" on Compleat Phase II Records. This record will put Bohannon back in the groove that brought him such popularity. His dynamic sound and feel for music is really brought forth from the grooves of this new album. On this record Bohannon welcomes back female vocalist Carolyn Crawford who had been with him previously and is now a member of his band.

Letters

Greetings:

I had a chance to walk through the 1000 blk. of N. Stricker Street last week. I was so impressed with the looks of the block that I wanted to say thanks to someone.

My aunt and uncle lived at 1014 N. Stricker for 40 or 50 years. I lived with them in the mid 1940's and we had such lovely flower boxes and outdoor chairs. The colors were usually green and white and I believe a few times the colors were orange and black. We took such pride in washing those marble fronts and cleaning the block and tried to have the prettiest flowers.

For years now I have become so depressed when I looked at that block. The block doesn't look like it did in the 1940's but it is a great improvement and they should be complimented on a good job. Keep up the good work.

JAMES (JIMMIE) CURRY

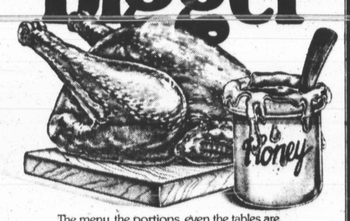
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