AFRO SPORTS

Another ex-Poet stars in college basketball

They know all about David Wingate and Reggie Williams at Georgetown, Tyrone Bogues at Wake Forest, and Mike Brown at Syracuse. But Reggie Lewis is making folks aware that they're not the only Dunbar High School products making a mark in collegiate basketball.

Lewis, just off a brilliant freshman year of play, "did it all" for coach Jim Calhoun at Northeastern University this season to scoff at the mythical "sophomore jinx."

He led the Huskies in scoring with a 24.1 points-per-game average while registered more accolades than any other player this year. For starters, the slender 6'7 forward was named ECAC North Atlantic Conference Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player in the conference tournament which the Huskies won over Boston University, 68-67.

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"Reggie is the best offensive player I have ever coached up to this point," said Calhoun, who guided the Huskies to a 22-9 record and was named Kodak District 1 Coach of the Year." He has done more in two years than any other Northeastern player. His future is up to him as he still has plenty of potential left in him.

To truly believe what kind of player Lewis, one would have to have observed the Huskies' championship win over Boston University. With only three minutes gone by in the game, Lewis drove to the basket and ran over a defensive player while landing on his wrist. The hush that fell over the husky crowd was in a word—unbelievable. Lewis went to the bench for a minute's rest and then came back to pour in 29 points and lead NU to its second consecutive North Atlantic title.

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Reggie was named ECAC Player of the Week three times this year and was the top scorer in the North Atlantic and finishing the '84-85 season as the top scoring sophomore in the nation (No. 11). He also led the Huskies in rebounding this year with a 7.8 average, nipping teammate Quinton Dale (7.7) for top honors.

"Lewis is a great young player who has greatly helped the Northeastern program," said Boston Celtics assistant coach Jimmy Rodgers. "He has shown the consistency that makes him the type of player to look toward in the future."

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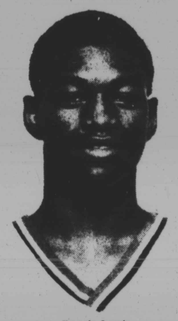
It's hard to believe that Lewis spent his pre-collegiate days playing the role of 'sixth man' at Dunbar, but when one considers the likes of David Wingate (Georgetown), Reggie Williams (Georgetown) and Michael Brown (Syracuse) were on the same team, it's not hard to comprehend.

Reggie earned two letters at Dunbar and was part of a team that posted a 59-0 record in two years and was named the top schoolboy basketball team in the nation.

An Arts and Sciences major at Northeastern, Reggie is a Deans List student and will graduate in 1988.



Reggie Lewis
Coach: 'He's best ever'

Virginia Tech's Bruce Smith, first NFL pick, kissed by mom, Annie; pop George beams.

Pro football draft completed

12 black-college prospects picked

Twelve players from black college teams were among the large number selected by National Football League clubs in their annual draft Tuesday in New York.

The Southwestern Athletic Conference which gets its strength from such teams as Alcorn, Jackson State, Mississippi Valley State and Grambling, was tapped for five of the 12.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) sent three each, and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), produced one.

Langston, an independent, is represented by one - wide receiver Juan Johnson — who was chosen by the Minnesota Vikings.

Selected from SWAC schools were: wide receiver Chris Burkett from Jackson State (Buffalo), wide receiver Karl Powe, Alabama State (Dallas); defensive back Isaac Holt, Jackson State (Minnesota), and wide receiver Jerry Rice, the Mississippi Valley sensation who caught 214 passes the last two years of college.

Chosen from MEAC colleges were wide receiver Leon Gonzalez, Bethune - Cookman, by Dallas; defensive back Jonathan Bostic, also from Bethune, by Kansas City, and defensive tackle Leonard Wingate, S.C. State, by the Los Angeles Raiders.

From the SIAC went guard Morris Johnson, Alabama A and M, to Green Bay.

CIAA selects were defensive back Glenn Jones, Norfolk State, by Buffalo; wide receiver Reginald Langhorne, Elizabeth City, by Cleveland, and defensive back Arnold Brown, North Carolina Central, by Seattle.

Among other blacks chosen in early rounds were Bruce Smith, Kevin Glover, Jamie Harris and Raphael Cherry.

Smith, a defensive tackle and All-American from Virginia Tech, was the first player picked, taken by Buffalo.

Glover, a rare talent at Center from the University of Maryland, was taken by the Detroit Lions in their second round.

Harris, one of the smallest players in the lot at 5-6 and 158 pounds, will try at wide receiver and kick returner by the Washington Redskins.

And Cherry, holder of 29 passing and offense records at Hawaii, also was selected by the Redskins.

Not surprisingly, Cherry will not be tested as a quarterback prospect.

That, which is "par for the course," was ascertained when the Skins' draft tag said "running back-kick returner."

The combination of Joe Theismann's incumbency and the prevailing NFL hangup on black quarterbacks dissuaded any thought that Washington may have a back team leader.

Also forewarned that he would not play the position at which he starred as a collegian was Danny Bradley. The young man who called plays for Oklahoma the last two years was selected by the Rams as a 7th round running back . . . SAM LACY.

Lacy eager to discard Bird bench

Oh, for the chance to contribute! For the opportunity to "show the Orioles what they paid for."

That is the daily lament of Lee Lacy.

His right thumb "feeling a little better each day" has kept the Baltimore free agent locked on a bench he is eager to quit.

"It's harder and harder to wait," said Lee Wednesday," especially when how much I see how we need my lead - off ability."

The O's hit the road Thursday, bound for Minnesota where they'll oppose the American League's hottest team in three weekend contests, commencing tonight (Friday).

The Twins are at the crest of a 10-game winning streak and ensconced in second place in the Western Division.

From there the Birds travel to Kansas City for a pair (Tuesday and Wednesday) before returning to the stadium next Friday.

Lee Lacy
the wait becomes harder

Page suffers the jinx of Buffalo

By Dick Uslak

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — Buffalo is no place for boxing champions.

Two titles went down the tubes in Buffalo Monday night, with undefeated Tony Tubbs handing a major setback to Greg Page in capturing the WBA heavyweight title in a 15 - round unanimous decision.

James "Broadaxe" Broad, looking a bit ahead to a future bout against Page, found himself flat on his back in the second round, dropping his North American Boxing Federation title to Tim Witherspoon.

Last June in Buffalo, Johnny Bumphus lost his WBA world junior welterweight crown to Gene Hatcher, and Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini had his WBA lightweight crown to Livingstone Bramble.

"It's another setback for me," said Page, now 24-4, who won the title in December with an eight round knockout of Gerrie Coetzee in South Africa after two loses to Witherspoon and David Bey.

"The fight was close, but I'm not taking anything away from Tony," Page added.

Tubbs, now 22-0, was 7th ranked by the WBA when he entered the fight. He gained his title shot with a 10 - round decision over James "Bonecrusher" Smith March 15.

"I knew it was a close fight," said Tubbs, who fought Page four times as an amateur, with Page reportedly winning three of the bouts. "I tried to pace myself for 15 rounds."

Tubbs questioned Page's intensity in training for the fight. Page weighed - in for the bout at 239½ pounds.

"I heard that Greg was not training," Tubbs said, "that he was playing basketball instead."

Stars facing 'must win' contest with Outlaws

If Baltimore's USFL team is to dispel the disappointment of local pro football fans, it must win Sunday's game at Byrd Stadium, where kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 o'clock.

There are several reasons the Stars are expected to defeat Arizona and regain at least .500 stature in the USFL standings.

First, they should have no more of the distractions caused by uncertainty of the spring - or - fall controversy, what with the league having decided to play fall ball next year, come what may.

Secondly, they are engaging an Outlaws team over which they have a slight edge in the record. Baltimore is 4-5 with a tie, Arizona is 4-6 in 10 games.

Moreover, the locals can no longer claim that they are suffering offensively because of the absence of their main running threat, Kelvin Bryant.

Bryant will be competing at full strength, his sore ankle behind him.

Finally, coach Jim Mora and his charges sorely need something to bolster them before moving next Sunday to New Jersey for a faceoff with the Generals, currently one of the three hottest teams in the Eastern Conference.

Oddsmakers have the Stars 8-point favorites for Sunday . . . LACY.

Mixed bag of talents on Civic mat Saturday

A seven - event parade of outstanding talents will open the Baltimore Civic Center's doors Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

A four - man tag - team feature introduces a new combination in World Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion Hulk Hogan as a teammate of Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka.

Co-featured will be a title match in which Wendy Richter defends her WWF women's championship belt against Lelani Kai.

Richter made feminine wrestling history a few years ago when she dethroned The Fabulous Moolah, for several decades previously undisputed world's women's champion.

However, Wendy suffered shock when she lost her championship to Lelani Richter then came back to regain her title and the belt in a rematch.

Five time - limit supporting attractions of main event caliber complete the line-up with Ricky Steamboat vs. Playboy Buddy Ross, Ivan Putski vs. Ken Patera, David Sammartino vs. Matt Bourne, Salvatore Bellomo vs. King Kong Bundy and Tony Atlas vs. Bob Bradley.

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The word is 'humongous'

Let's see now. There is "overwhelming," "breathtaking," "outta sight," "fantastic," "stupendous," "impressive," "mind-blowing," and "portentous," etc.

But you know the most apt word to describe the capacity crowd that flocked to the Fifth Regiment Armory Sunday was, well, HUMONGOUS. IT WAS HUMONGOUS.

Kurt Schmoke's attendance figures at this fund-raising were HUMONGOUS. And, Mayor Schaefer, bless his heart, should have been there.

Lord knows half the town turned out. Charm City hasn't ever seen anything like it. Bar none. Nothing like, no sir. Nothing like it.

They came. They came. They came. And still more came. Black people, white people, old people, young people, the high and mighty, the proud and the noble, the humble, and the poor—yessir, they came out.

It was a day to remember.

Mr. Schmoke, with his wife, Patricia, share a moment with Attorney Anthony Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon (Brenda) Sykes were among the thousands who honored Kurt Schmoke on Sunday.

Billy Murphy; St. George Cross, and Biddy Wood.

A great laugh is shared among Henry Martin, Karen Gomes, Judge Robert Bell, and Faith Hardy.

Joan McEntire, Henry Martin, and Linda J. Flood pose for the photographer early on.

Kurt Schmoke and state Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell, III.

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