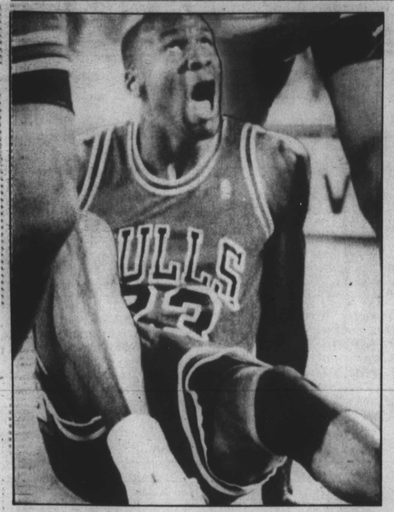


WOW, DID I DO THAT? — Apparently, Michael Jordan is as amazed as the fans at some of his deeds on the basketball court. Although he and his Chicago Bulls teammates fell to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA playoffs, shortly after Jordan watched another miraculous shot fall through, he was informed that he had been named the NBA's MVP for 1987-88.

One-on-One

Sam Lacy

(From wire reports)

When coach John Thompson opened the U.S. Olympic men's basketball trials last week at Colorado Springs, he immediately made it clear that he will stress quickness and perimeter defense in the Americans' attempt to retain the gold medal.

"I have a preference for quickness and lateral movement," the Georgetown coach said. "We've got to be able to get on the perimeter and stop the jump shots.

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The president of the International Tennis Federation said he will introduce a measure to discontinue second serves during top tournaments. Philippe Chatrier said he expects to lobby for the proposed rule change, which would be the most significant in tennis in 100 years, at the ITF general assembly at Paris in July.

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Seemingly unable to shake the proverbial "bridesmaid" image, Lori McNeil was runner-up in a Virginia Slims tournament for the fourth time in 1988 Sunday. She bowed to Barbara Paulus of Austria, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1, at Geneva, Switzerland.

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Former Md., E. Shore athlete athletic director at U. of Buffalo

Although he is new to the job and recognizes that his performance is likely to be harshly evaluated, Nelson Townsend lost no time committing himself to lofty goals as athletic director at the University of Buffalo.

Townsend recently became the first black named to head up the Bison athletic program.

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Immediately upon bein confirmed, Townsend declared that he was accepting the appointment as a challenge.

He expressed a determination to academic integrity of the university while guiding its athletic program from Division III status to eventual Division I respectively.

He asserted that he considers himself more of an "educator" than a "jock" and talks passionately about building an athletic program



Nelson Townsend
first U. of Buffalo AD

that does not sacrifice academic integrity.

He is impressed by UB's inside athletic facilities.

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Townsend came to UB from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (A&M) in Tallahassee, an independent NCAA Division I institution, where he was athletic director.

He also gas been director of athletics at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, and Delaware State College; has coached baseball, baseball and football at the high school level; and was vice principal at Pocomoke High School in Maryland.

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A native of Horntown, Va., Townsend graduated in 1962 from the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, where he was a centerfielder and three-year starter on the baseball team.

He earned a master's degree in educational administration from Salisbury State College in Maryland; and is completing his doctoral dissertation for Temple University.

Eye doctors recommend boxers' thumbless gloves

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Serious eye injuries in boxing could be prevented with the use of thumbless gloves, specialized training for ringside physicians and other reforms, a New York City eye doctor says.

"I think we have a duty and responsibility in ophthalmology to plead for reform in boxing," Dr. Vincent Giovinazzo told Ophthalmology Times, a trade magazine published in Cleveland.

Giovinazzo, attending surgeon at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, recently concluded a two-year study of 74 boxers. He found 66 percent had some form of ocular injury, more than 58 percent of which were vision threatening.

Giovinazzo said 24 percent of the boxers examined had retinal tears and 19 percent had cataracts.

"We were surprised at the large number of retinal tears," he said.

He said some boxers may have severe visual loss without realizing it.

"More likely, they deny it," he said. "A large amount of denial of both injury and pain goes with boxing."

Giovinazzo said a national registry of boxers should be established to inform doctors in each state of a boxer's previous injuries.

"If a boxer in Rhode Island had a retinal detachment, we in New York would like to know that," Giovinazzo said.

More supervision in the training of ringside doctors is needed, perhaps through the American Academy of Ophthalmology, he said.

"We've been in contact with the World Boxing Council to set up a program to train ringside physicians to identify ocular injuries as they occur in the ring and to have a uniform code of safety to stop bouts whenever those injuries occur," he said.

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All boxers should meet minimal visual requirements, with temporary suspensions for specific ocular injuries and thumbless gloves should be used to prevent the gouging of an eye, said Giovinazzo.

Ophthalmologists should sit on every local or state boxing medical advisory board an a national commission should be formed to regulate the sport in the United States, he said.

Cubans weigh Olympics

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Cuba has asked for and received a delay in having basebsall berths filled for the Seoul Olympics, fueling speculation Cuba might compete at the Summer Games.

The Cuban Olympic Committee filed a petition with the International Baseball Association in Indianapolis, asking for a delay in the announcement of the eighth team for the baseball competition at the Olympics.

IBA president Robert Smith said Wednesday his group's executive committee agree to delay the action until May 25.

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"In the spirit of international good will that the Olympic movement engenders, the IBA has decided to support Cuba's request to delay a decision on the baseball competition," Smith said. "We are hopeful that this decision will serve the interests of baseball as well as would unity and peace."

Cuba, reigning world baseball champion, did not compete in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. That exhibition was won by Japan.

Cuba is one of six countries that said it does not plan to attend the 1988 Olympics. If Cuba sits out the Games, it will have been absent from the final two major baseball exhibitions in the 1980s. Baseball will be a medal sport at the 1922 Barcelona Olympics.

European eyes Tyson bout

MILAN, Italy (UPI) — European heavyweight boxing champion Francesco Damiani could earn a shot at world champion Mike Tyson by defeating Tyrell Biggs in July.

Damiani is scheduled to face Biggs in a 10-round bout July 3 at an Italian site to be decided.

Umberto Branchini, the veteran manager of Damiani, lined up the bout this week during a trip to the United States after talks with Biggs' manager, Lou Duva.

Biggs was stopped on a technical knockout last October by the unbeaten Tyson in Atlantic City, N.J.

"This bout will be a true semifinal for the world title," Branchini said. "At this point, things couldn't look better for Francesco."

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Branchini has been trying for months to get a shot at Tyson for his fighter, who won the Continental crown last autumn with a victory over Anders Eklund of Sweden.



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ACTION

Lacrosse banquet a success



LAXMEN—Jason Keller, John Webster and Scherron Lee beam after earning awards for their steller play.

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

A good time for all was held Wednesday as nearly 350 guests attended the annual C. Markland Kelly Award Lacrosse Banquet at Boys Latin School of Maryland.

"It was a jubilant affair," said Dyson Erhardt, banquet chairman, "and we had a great turnout."

The purpose of the banquet was to acknowledge the best lacrosse players in the MSA this year from Conferences A, B and C.

The winner from the A Conference was John Webster from Boys Latin. Webster (attack) was described as being his "absolute" best when he was needed most. Webster proved to be one of the conference's best players and was characterized as excelling against his strongest competition. Webster plans to attend the University of North Carolina.

From Conference B, the winner was Jason Keller of Archbishop Curley. Keller (attack) a four-year starter, is Curley's all-time leading scorer with 161 goals and 108 assists. Keller will attend Loyola University of Maryland, this fall.

The biggest surprise of the evening was the Conference C winner, Scherron Lee from Forest Park.

"He was in shock," Erhardt said. "He looked at the award for five minutes without uttering a word. What a great kid."

Lee (attack) was described by his coach as the offensive leader of his team. As captain, Lee was described as "an individual who went out of his way to help younger players."

"I couldn't believe I won," Lee said, "but I am extremely proud of the honor."

In September, Lee will attend Norfolk State University in Virginia. John Webster also received the honor of being the most outstanding player.



Alice Pinderhughes, Superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools and Fred Appleby, Physical Education Supervisor pose with 1988 William "Sugar" Cain Scholarship winners. From left to right — Sandra Satterfield, Lake Clifton/Eastern, Susan Buckson. Western; Melissa Enguall, Western and Rowena Mejia, Southwestern.

Bocek League off to good start

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

The Bocek Community Basketball League started, this past week-end, without a hitch.

Commissioner Anthony Johnson has promised that this will be the best unlimited league in the City this summer.

In the four games that were played Saturday, it would appear that Murry's Fuel is going to be the team to beat, as they handily defeated Collington Square 115-60.

Led by Tyrone Turner and Kurt Lee with 24 and 22 points respectively, Murry's Fuel seems to have the necessary balance to go all the way. Will Miles had 22 points for the losers.

The Greyhounds defeated the Westsiders 44-39 with Marty Johnson leading all scorers with 13 points. These two teams were evenly matched, but a series of missed layups and lost balls sealed the Westsiders' fate in the last six minutes of the game.

The only significant highlight of this game was the "pin" by Paul Edwards of William (Hotshot) Banks' layup late in the first period. And although it was correctly called goaltending that set the tone for the remainder of the game. For the Westsiders, William Banks had nine and Tony Burton had eight points.

In other contests, Eastside defeated Bojangles 47-45 and Sommerset Hustler defeated King Cobras 57-48. Herbert Austin led all Hustler scorers with 21 points with Larry Cook contributing 12. Charles Patterson had 10 points for the Cobras.

Waves ready for Florida

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

The Waves of Anne Arundel County has announced that they have added three players from Western High to its successful AAU/Junior Olympic Basketball teams.

Winning state championships in two age brackets, Latonya Nixon and Erica Herbert joined the 16 and under team and Kelly Logan was placed on the 15 and under team.

Both Wave teams are in the midst of several fundraising efforts to send the two teams to their national tournaments.

The 15 and under team is headed to Shreveport, Louisiana, beginning July 21. The 16 and under team will play in Miami, Florida on July 8.

According to most sources, it will take at least $15,000 for the two teams to participate. If assistance can be offered, contact Mr. Tom Conroy at 757-5977.

