

Arthur Ashe/United Negro College Fund Tourney A Hit

NEW YORK — Althea Gibson, the first black woman to win the Wimbledon title, teamed with former basketball whiz Earl "The Pearl" Monroe to create one of the most exciting matches of the 8th Annual Arthur Ashe/United Negro College Fund National Tennis Classic at the USTA National Tennis Center at Flushing Meadow, Queens. The Tennis Classic was sponsored by Miller "Lite."

The Gibson-Monroe doubles team lost the cliff-hanger match to musician William King of the Commodores and soap-opera star Tim Slough. The score was 7-5. In another match, New Yorkers George Plimpton, the author, and McNeil-Lehrer correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault defeated actors Lyle and Sharon Waggoner, who flew in from Hollywood for the

UNCF Tennis Classic. Other celebrities who played doubles and mixed doubles in the Saturday afternoon exhibition were: photographer Gordon Parks and actor Fred Williamson who lost a doubles match to City Clerk David Dinkins and Ron Gault, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Personnel; actor Todd Bridges and former State Senator Carl McCall who defeated Bob Johnson of Jet Magazine and actor Hector Mercado; actor Dabney Coleman and tennis instructor Phil Gibbs defeated actress Barbara Rucker and singer Billy Davis, Jr.

The National Tennis Classic is a fund-raising event that benefits the United Negro College Fund. UNCF raises funds in support of 42 private, historically black colleges and

universities that currently enroll some 50,000 students.

The Tennis Classic was the grand finale of a week long UNCF tennis event held at the USTA National Center. Over 700 youngsters and adults played in open competition Monday-Saturday in the Arthur Ashe/United Negro College Fund Championships. Juniors competed for trophies in the largest USTA-sanctioned tournament in the Eastern Region. Adults competed for a \$10,000 purse. All prizes were provided by Miller "Lite."

The tournament's top winners were Jerome Jones of Los Angeles, who won the men's singles title for a second year in a row, and Carole Watson of St. Albans, New York, who won the women's singles title for the second consecutive

year. Jerome and Carole teamed up to win the mixed doubles title as well.

Winners in the Junior Championships were: Melissa Hernando and Bruce Hoddad, both 10 years old; Christina Szep and Charles Vestner in the 12-year old category; Elizabeth Schram and Martin Blackman, 14 years old; Kris Simpson and Jeff O'Dwyer, 16 years old; and Mandy O'Donnel and Mike Dungo, 18 year old winners.

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paign, and that Vance voters overwhelmingly approved of such an effort.

A Halifax County representative said voters there seem to be in favor of a write-in campaign.

Caucus spokesmen also said blacks who are running for local offices, such as the county commission, in races to be decided in November would lose momentum if the forceful Michaux campaign was allowed to die.

Although Michaux lost, blacks rode the enthusiasm generated by his campaign to a number of political gains.

For example, Michaux's campaign prompted a record number of blacks to register and vote.

Caucus members cited the lack of support that Michaux got from the state Democratic Party.

One write-in supporter said, "We've got to send a message to the Democrats. They've used and abused black people for decades. We've got to be treated equal and not taken for granted."

Caucus members also took shots at Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. saying he failed to help Michaux.

They noted that Hunt has political pull in his native Wilson, a 2nd District county, as well as in other 2nd District counties, but Hunt, according to caucus

members, chose to play a hands off role.

Caucus members also said there is no difference between the political ideology of Valentine and Marin.

They said blacks could no longer be fooled by political labels. Said a member of the Wilson County Black Caucus, "We may as well face it. There is no difference between Valentine and Marin. They are two racist conservative white males who have no agenda relative to the black community."

Another vexed voter said, "We're talking about two Republicans here. We have nothing to lose."

Since the election, Michaux has suggested that Valentine waffles on Democratic Party principles, but when told of the group's plans, Michaux said, "I'm not encouraging a write-in campaign, but if that's the will of the people of the 2nd District I certainly can't fight it."

Michaux said he didn't think he would catch any flack from a write-in campaign, saying he's a Democrat.

"If I decide to run for something in two years," Michaux said, "and even though I didn't get any help for the Democratic Party, I would still be a Democrat."

Michaux has said that a heavy campaign debt keeps him from being actively involved in a write-

in effort. Others have suggested that a write-in effort would damage Michaux's political future, which insiders say is long from over.

Caucus members refused that logic saying Michaux's supporters will be there regardless, noting that the majority of white voters have not risen above tradition and can't bring themselves to vote black even when the person is well qualified. The Caucus moved to initiate its plans.

Caucus Chairman Frank Ballance appointed a "write-in" and a fundraising committee, charging them to immediately begin work. It was not clear what they will do, but for starters they will inform voters in each county of the write-in procedures for their county.

The write-in commit-

tee will also conduct workshops designed to make the effort go smoothly. And members said there will be town meetings in churches and other places to drum up support. Other unofficial steps that were discussed included efforts to get national political leaders to speak at various 2nd District points. Names mentioned included Operation PUSH's Rev. Jesse Jackson, NAACP's Ben Hooks and Maryland Congressman Parren Mitchell.

The fundraising committee, headed by Dr. Green who practices medicine in Henderson, will collect money to be used by all caucus members. Members said black entertainers would be contacted and asked to give benefit concerts.

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