

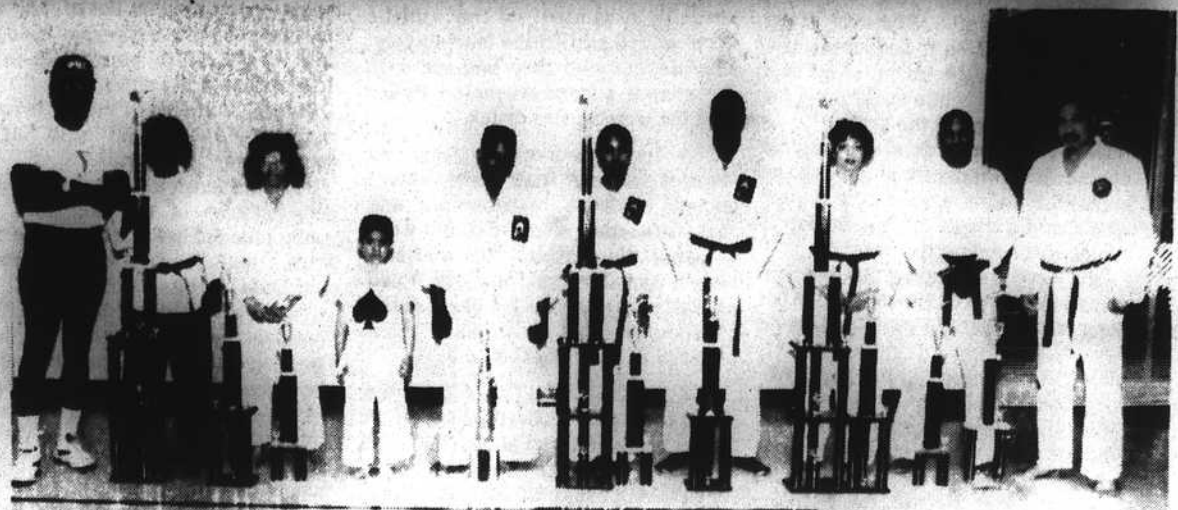
SPORTS

Orioles Stake Robinson To Lead, Pitcher Goes On To Get Victory

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—The Baltimore Orioles gave Jeff Robinson a lead, and he did the rest—finally. After a poor spring training and a horrendous outing in his first regular-season start, Robinson got his first victory in a Baltimore uniform Friday night by limiting the Texas Rangers to four hits over seven innings in the Orioles' 5-0 triumph. Robinson, obtained from Detroit during the offseason, was 0-3 with a 7.50 ERA in spring training. Those games didn't count, but last Sunday he got shelled by Texas for five runs in two innings. The Orioles gave the 29-year-old right-hander a 3-0 lead after three innings on Friday, and Robinson took over from there. "I got an early lead and was able to relax and do the things I needed to do," he said. "It was a confidence booster." Robinson didn't allow a Texas runner to reach third base, and Paul Kilgus put the finishing touches on the Rangers' third shutout in eight games this season. Glenn Davis hit his second home run and every Baltimore starter ex-

cept Bill Ripken got a hit in stopping the Rangers' three-game winning streak. Davis, like Robinson, was also eager to rebound from a poor outing. In the Orioles' previous game he committed four errors, tying an American League record for first basemen. "As a major leaguer and a professional, you have to put those things behind you," Davis said. "But I'd be lying if I said I didn't think about it." While the hard-hitting Davis is certain to stay in the lineup regardless of how he fields, Robinson was in danger of pitching himself out of the rotation. But all that changed Friday. "He's capable, and he has the skills and ability to pitch like he did tonight and even better," manager Frank Robinson said. "We hope we can get that out of him in his next start." Robinson threw 94 pitches over the first five innings and was pulled after throwing 122. He was behind in the count against 15 of the 27 batters he faced. "He threw a lot of pitches and struggled out there early, but it looked like the longer he stayed out there,

the better he got," Frank Robinson said. Brian Downing got three of Texas' five hits off Robinson and Kilgus. Downing is 11 for 15 and has reached base in 20 of 24 plate appearances this season. The Orioles used a walk, two singles and a pair of well-placed bunts to take a 2-0 lead against Kenny Rogers (0-2) in the second inning. Dwight Evans walked and took second on a single by Craig Worthington. Both runners advanced on a sacrifice by Leo Gomez, and Melvin followed with an RBI single before Ripken scored Washington on a suicide squeeze. Davis hit a solo home run, a 372-foot shot into the left-field bleachers, in the third. It became 5-0 in the fifth. Randy Milligan doubled to right and Cal Ripken singled him home. Brad Arnberg replaced Rogers and gave up a single to Davis before throwing a wild pitch that allowed Ripken to score. The Orioles are now batting .500 against Rogers, who allowed them five runs in 1 1/2 innings last Saturday.



SELF DEFENSE—Members of the Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi Chaun team are shown here as Cobra Champs: From left to right: Director Robert Smith, Cherry Harvey, Sheila McCoy, Raymond McCoy, Chris Holloway, Irvan Nelson, Sam Nelson, Sondra Cruthfield, Moses Smith, and Thomas Jarrett, instructor. The self defense and physical fitness classes meet at Blittmore Hills Recreation Center on Monday and Wednesday, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Warriors Beat Lakers, Mullin Hits 29-Points To Hold Off Los Angeles

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Chris Mullin scored 29 points as Golden State held off the Los Angeles Lakers 118-111 last Wednesday and reduced to one the Warriors' magic number to clinch the seventh playoff spot. The victory improved the Warriors' record to 42-38 with two games remaining. Seattle, in eighth place with a 40-39 record, was idle last Wednesday. One game after setting an all-time career assist record, Magic Johnson had 14 points, eight rebounds and 15 assists. Terry Teague led Los Angeles with 21 points, and James Worthy added 18 as the Lakers lost for the second time in 12 games. Mitch Richmond had 21 points and Tim Hardaway 20 for Golden State, which has won three in a row, five in a row at home. Leading 68-64, the Warriors scored the next eight points, taking a 106-94 lead on Jim Petersen's layup with 7:52 to play. Sarunas Marciulionis made two free throws, a rebound layup and assisted on a basket in the

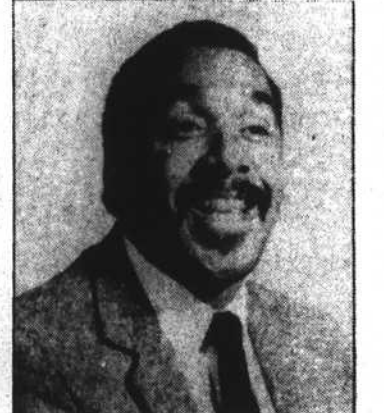
run. The Lakers recovered with a 9-2 spurt, closing to 110-108 on Worthy's two free throws with 3:30 remaining. Mullin hit a fadeaway jumper from the baseline 18 seconds later, then stripped Johnson of the ball, a steal that led to Hardaway's breakaway layup with 1:42 to play, giving Golden State a 114-110 lead. Mario Elie and Richmond sank two free throws apiece in the final 15 seconds to keep the Warriors safely in front. Golden State twice fended off Los Angeles rallies in the third quarter, opening a 95-89 lead going into the fourth on Marciulionis' first three-pointer of the season with 1.7 seconds left in the period. The Warriors led 69-61 at halftime after shooting 70 percent in the second quarter. Golden State led 30-27 after one quarter. By losing, the Lakers lost a chance to win 60 games for the sixth time in seven seasons. "We're not disappointed," Johnson

said. "You want to win 60, but at the same time we have No. 2 [in the Pacific Division] locked up. It's a dilemma, really. Do you go all-out to win 60 or rest some guys for the playoffs?" Lakers' coach Mike Dunleavy said he was trying to keep his key players from playing as much as they usually do. The closeness of the game added a couple of minutes for Johnson, who played 33, and Worthy, who played 37. "I wanted to keep the minutes down," Dunleavy said. "I wanted James and Buck below 35, but it was close at the end so I went back to them at the end." Instead of looking to rest, the Warriors were looking to pick up their play going into the playoffs. "The intensity we had was good," Rod Higgins said. "We made some mental mistakes in the game that we could do without, but as far as intensity goes, it was there. Despite the loss, the Lakers took the season series from the Warriors 3-2.

THE COACHES BOX

BY JAMES L. GILES, SR.

BERNARD LEAVES NCCU FOR NORFOLK STATE
The head basketball coach who directed North Carolina Central University to its 1989 Division II national championship will no longer head the NCCU Eagles. For the past six years, Michael Bernard was seen throughout the CIAA and nation giving play signals and using his deep, projecting voice as he stalked the sidelines to get the most from his players.



MICHAEL BERNARD

Bernard's efforts put new life into a staggering program and turned it around by compiling a 115-57 record. Recently, Bernard expressed some discomfort and unhappiness with what he perceived to be budget and communications problems within the N.C. Central Athletic Department. Bernard left the Durham school recently to become the head basketball coach at Norfolk State. "I think this is one of the premier programs in Division II," said Bernard. Bernard, a former Norfolk State assistant to Lucias Mitchell and Charles Christian who retired in 1990 after a glorious coaching era, left NSU head coaching reins with Isaac Morehead. Gregory Jackson, an assistant coach, was appointed interim coach at Central and will direct the program until a successor is named, NCCU Athletic Director Christopher T. Fisher said. Bernard indicated he had been handicapped by several problems at North Carolina Central. "The big problem here is that we don't have the availability of monies to go out and compete with some of

the other Division II schools." The coach also questioned the absence of recruiting funds. "There's no money for recruiting," Bernard said. "We recruit by phone. We have to use contacts, and we don't have the luxury of getting out and recruiting." Communication was a problem for all coaches, Bernard said. In a phone interview with head coach Harvey Heartley, Sr., who also heads a successful athletic department at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, he said, "Bernard's decision to leave Central was a good move on his part. Norfolk State is one of your top Division II schools with more resources." News reports reveal Bernard will make about \$70,000 a year at Norfolk State. He earned \$55,000 last year, but only \$13,307 was paid by athletic funds. He received \$41,693 as an adjunct lecturer in political science.

Holyfield Keeps Title With 12 Round Decision

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Evander Holyfield kept the heavyweight boxing title with a unanimous 12-round decision over George Foreman, but the 42-year-old challenger gave a game and gritty performance. Holyfield, 14 years Foreman's junior and weighing 49 pounds less, just had too much hand speed and foot movement for the 257-pound Foreman, a former champion who lost for the first time in his comeback campaign begun four years earlier. Foreman wants to become the oldest man to win a championship in any weight class. He ended a 10-year retirement four years ago with the expressed purpose of regaining the title he held in 1973-74.

Much of the estimated crowd of 15,000 at the Convention Center rooted him on. It was not to be. Holyfield never let Foreman get set and simply outpunched him. Holyfield, who weighed in at 208 pounds, earned a guaranteed purse of \$20 million. Foreman received \$12.5 million.

Johnson Was On The Wrong Track

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)—Ben Johnson was on the wrong track when he took steroids to illegally boost his speed. He should have stuffed himself with pasta, rice, potatoes and chocolate, according to a report by diet experts from 20 countries who met at a conference organized by the International Olympic Committee. The experts created a list of seven recommendations for a good sporting diet.

Three Americans Announce 1991 Entries Into The Clay Courts

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Three Americans, Jimmy Arias, MaliVai Washington and Tim Mayotte, will be in the 32-player singles field at the 1991 USAir U.S. Men's Clay Courts presented by Diet Pepsi, Michael J. Burns, USTA Director of Tournaments, has announced. The tournament will be held at the Olde Providence Racquet Club in Charlotte May 6-12. Arias, a 26-year-old from Buffalo, was a finalist at the U.S. men's Clay Courts in 1988. A tennis prodigy, Arias turned pro at the age of 15 and was ranked No. 5 in the world at age 19. His career record includes five singles titles in 15 final round appearances on the men's major tour. He was a semifinalist at the U.S. Open in 1984 and a member of the victorious U.S. team at the World Team Cup competition that year.

He represented the United States in Davis Cup play from 1983-87. His best result of the year was a quarterfinal finish at last week's IBM/ATP Tour event in Orlando, Fla., which boosted his ranking to 60th in the world. His career prize money total is more than \$1.5 million. MaliVai Washington, a 21-year-old from Swartz Creek, Mich., is in his second full year on the pro tour. In 1990 he was a semifinalist at the U.S. Men's Clay Courts and the IBM/ATP Tour event in Orlando. His biggest moment of the year was a 6-2, 6-3 second-round win over Ivan Lendl in New Haven. His 1991 record is highlighted by semifinal finishes in Chicago and last week's event in Orlando. Tim Mayotte, a 30-year-old who now lives in Bradenton, Fla., is looking to

regain the form which brought him to a career-high singles ranking of 7 in 1988. A former U.S. Davis Cupper, Mayotte owns a total of 10 singles titles, in 25 final round appearances, on the men's major tour. In 1990 he was a finalist at the IBM/ATP Tour events in Milan, Toronto (indoor) and Moscow. Mayotte represented the United States in Olympic competition, winning a silver medal in 1988 in Seoul, South Korea. His career prize money total is in excess of \$2.5 million. Previously announced entries for the Clay Courts, Jay Berger and Patrick McEnroe, have withdrawn. The tournament is a U.S. Tennis Association national championship and a part of the 1991 IBM/ATP Tour.

ASK BARRY

BY BARRY COOPER

Q. Has baseball star Darryl Strawberry really become a born-again Christian? It seems that every player who goes into drug rehabilitation comes out talking about his new found religion. I just hope Darryl is telling the truth. - R.T., Memphis, Tenn.

A. Only Darryl can say for sure, but all indications are that he really has put many of his bad ways behind him and now is finding strength through the church. If this is an act, then it is a darn good performance. Just before the season, Strawberry spoke at his old high school, and tears streamed down his face as he spoke of the manner in which he has turned his life around. The Los Angeles Dodgers' decision to sign him off the New York Mets' roster may turn out to be one of the best free-agent acquisitions of the season.

Q. Have Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier spoken to one another since the last of their great fights? It seemed that Frazier was always so bitter towards Ali. - T.M., Quincy, Fla.

A. There no longer is any animosity between the two. In fact, they recently appeared at a banquet together to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Ali-Frazier I. They shared a \$5 million purse for that

fight, and while that is peanuts by today's standards, Ali and Frazier ushered in the day of the big money, closed-circuit TV bouts.

Q. Is it true that Grambling football coach Eddie Robinson once was offered the chance to become head coach of the Los Angeles Rams? - Q.R., Lexington, Ky.

A. My recollection is that Robinson interviewed once with the late Rams owner Carroll Rosenbloom, but nothing apparently came of it. It would be willing to bet that Los Angeles Raiders' coach Art Shell is the only black man who ever has been offered an NFL head job.

TRIVIA QUESTION: Name the historically black college baseball player who signed for one of the highest bonuses ever paid. Hint: He signed with the Angeles in 1975.

ANSWER: OK, this was a tough one! Little-known Danny Goodwin left Southern in 1975 and received a \$125,000 signing bonus, which at that time was the highest ever paid for a No. 1 pick. Goodwin spent 7 years in the majors but never achieved stardom. An arm injury not long after he signed may have ruined his chances to become an outstanding catcher.

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Nobody Notices Umps, Teams Praise Rulings

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Generally, the only time anyone notices an umpire is when he makes a miscue. But rarely, if ever, does one get praise from both teams after one of his rulings. It happened Friday night at Anaheim Stadium, on the occasion of the silver anniversary of the ballpark's first regular-season baseball game. Third base ump Ken Kaiser overturned a call at home plate by Larry Barnett, allowing Donnie Hill to score the first run for the California Angels in a 2-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins. "I have to admire an umpire that makes the effort to make the correct call," Angels' manager Doug Rader said. "Whether it went our way or not, it was a very admirable thing to do." The call came in the seventh inning when Donnie Hill singled with two outs and took second on a single by Jack Howell. Junior Felix lined a hit to center field that Shane Mack charged, and his one-hop throw seemed to beat Hill as he slid into catcher Brian Harper at home plate. "I thought it would be a close play," Mack said. "Harper did a great job of blocking the plate, but I don't know what happened after that because I couldn't see." It appeared from Barnett's vantage point that Harper had slapped the tag on Hill, and he called the runner out. But Kaiser, working two bases with partner Al Clark out with a swollen foot, hustled down the line. And when he saw that Harper had not controlled the ball, he overruled Barnett.



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