

Gourdine makes an advance

(CLEVELAND AP) — Simon Gourdine was elected deputy commissioner of the National Basketball Association yesterday, becoming the highest ranking black administrator in professional sports in the United States.

At a news conference following the NBA Board of Governors meeting here, Nick Curran, NBA public relations director, said the vote was unanimous.

There has been speculation Gourdine, 37, was to be elected to the commissioner's post which will be vacated June 1, 1975, when Walter Kennedy retires. The Board of Governors didn't vote on a new commissioner yesterday, however, and the next possible session in which such a ballot could come will be Jan. 14, 1975, during the NBA All-Star break in Phoenix.

"I want to make it clear that my election as deputy commissioner does not automatically give me the position of commissioner," Gourdine said. "However, I am hopeful that I will become commissioner sometime in the future. My new position

gives me a forum to show my skills, and I think that I have the ability to compete for the job."

Gourdine said his selection was a historic one and was symbolic in showing everyone that blacks are qualified to hold high administrative positions in the sports world.

Gourdine has been employed by the NBA since 1970. Prior to yesterday's decision, he held the post of vice president of administration. He assumes his new position immediately with a three-year contract.

Gourdine, a native of Jersey City, N.J., graduated from City College of New York in 1962 and received his law degree from Fordham Law School in 1965.

Prior to his coming to the NBA, he held the post of assistant U.S. attorney and worked in the legal department of the Celanese Corp. in New York.

Ferrum first

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Ferrum College of Virginia took over first place in the National Junior College Athletic Association football ratings this week with a weekend 18-8 victory over the Clemson junior varsity.

Stickwomen in star play

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Lock Haven State College is center stage for eight Susquehanna Association field hockey teams this weekend to show off their top performers as they seek to fill slots on two all star teams that will go the Mid-east tournament in Pittsburgh.

Gillian Rattray will lead her blue and white charges, who finished their regular season with an impressive 5-2-2 record feeling optimistic about the chances her players have in making the Susquehanna I and Susquehanna II all star rosters.

"I feel we were stronger as a team than Lock Haven," she commented as she referred to their 3-3 stalemate in the mud on Tuesday against the Eagles. "They have outstanding individuals but we have more even distribution of strength, therefore I am optimistic that we will place a lot of players."

The teams, a field including powerful Ursinus, West Chester, and Lock Haven begin round robin play tomorrow morning and outstanding all stars will have trails in front of selectors in the afternoon.

There is one selector from each team and Penn State's judge of talent will be Susan Monk, a graduate student who plays for Center County's field hockey club.

Sunday afternoon the best players will be named by the selectors to Susquehanna I and the stickwomen behind the 10 first team stars will make up Susquehanna II. The clubs will play at 2 p.m. Last year Penn State placed ten of its starting eleven on the two all star clubs.

The players will have seven 25 minute games to show their stick skill and win a birth on the two squads. Gwenn Hannigan, a senior who went to the national tournament on Mid-east III team last year, expressed apprehension about the playing conditions.

"I am worried about the conditions of the field and the games are really short," she said as she talked about the dirt fields which become mud baths with rain. "I just hope no one gets short-changed."

Freshmen Chris Larsen and Sharon Duffey in their first all star competition spoke differently. Larsen, overwhelmed with

enthusiasm, said, "This is so exciting, I've never been through this type of thing before."

A psyched up Duffey added, "And we are out to beat Lock Haven."

Defense lady Deb Gorman said she feels optimistic about her individual chances and about her teammates. "I think Penn State is going to do really well and we are going to surprise a lot of people. We are much better than last year."

Senior forward Peg Gerhart figures to have an excellent chance to go to the national all star level of competition as she sports 10 goals in nine regular season tilts. Gerhart, along with Anne Chamberlain and Barb Doran made the Susquehanna I team in last year's tournament at Penn State.

The pressure will be on each stick lady Saturday and for some of them the season is really only beginning.

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