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## Reflections on the Olympics

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Though Richard Nixon will be remembered for many things, one might not be the time he designed plays for the Washington Redskins. Picture Coach George Allen and his "over-the-hill gang" laughing at the politician trying to run gridiron greats.

Nixon, however, didn't have anything to do with the plays being sent to Montreal, Quebec, last month which almost terminated the 21st Olympic Games. These plays sent 30 teams in motion, back home, and set a precedent which might become inflationary in Moscow. Clearly no laughing matter.

Couple the international political meddling of the world's biggest sporting event with the ever present language problem in Canada and it seems a miracle that the games were staged.

Jesse Owens, hero of the 1936 Games, said in an interview for The Collegian "I really don't know enough about the foreign policies or governments in these conflicting nations to comment politically. I do feel that most athletes dedicated enough to train for the Olympics should be allowed to compete regardless of differences in political beliefs."

The majority of athletes I spoke to, especially members of the delegation from Senegal and the Minister of Sports from the Ivory Coast, declined to comment on their participation and others' withdrawal from the Games.

Being the only representatives of Black Africa, these two countries were targets for constant pressure from both the press and tourists. By the time I spoke with them, their answers were firm, but friendly, "no comments."

Leaving politics — which wasn't listed as an event — the Games, among other things, were expensive.

A room within a 25 mile radius of the bi-lingual city could cost a tourist from \$55 to \$105 per night. Some of these weren't in the best of condition, like the one this reporter and a high school football teammate rested in.

Not unlike an unarmed settler during the French and Indian War, a tourist could not help but lose when it came to buying a ticket. Scalpers were getting as much as \$50 for a \$10 ticket and up to \$150 for a precious ducaat to a final.

The unfinished Olympic stadium was well guarded. A number of contestants who had taken off their identification tags to compete, then left the arena for varying reasons, were seen having difficulty getting back in.

Scott May of the U.S. gold medal winning basketball team should get another medal for his reply when asked if the crowd and the Canadian basketball team were going to be too much for them to handle. "Have faith in America," he said. "We do."

Somehow, if all the politics and prices could have been subtracted, the remainder would have been an international myriad of sports and ideas blending in harmony with beautiful weather, which is what the athletes and spectators wanted.

By the final week of the sporting spectacular the true spirit of the games emerged. It became hard to tell an athlete by his uniform due to all the trading taking place inside the fortified, futuristic Olympic Village.

It will take the enthusiasm of the athletes and a rekindling of the basic beliefs in the games for the 22nd Olympiad to hurdle the thicket of political meddling.

## Stargell slam wasted Mets squash Bucs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jon Matlack pitched and batted the New York Mets to a 7-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates last night with relief help from Skip Lockwood.

The New York starter allowed all of Pittsburgh's six hits before leaving the game in the eighth inning. In addition, Matlack drove in one run and scored another as the Mets hammered four Pirate pitchers for 17 hits.

Matlack, 11-6, faltered in the sixth, loading the bases on two infield singles and a walk, and then served up a grand slam home run to Willie Stargell for the Pirates' runs.

Prior to that pitch, which Stargell lofted over the center field wall, Matlack had

allowed but one ball to get out of the infield. That was a harmless single by Tommy Helms in the first inning.

Matlack hit two line drive singles himself, sending home Roy Staiger with a run in the fourth, and scoring himself in the same inning.

Jerry Reuss, 10-6, who allowed four runs in the fourth, was the loser.

The Mets, who had scored a run in the first, broke the game wide open in the fourth. Pepe Mangual had led off the first with a single, advanced to second on a groundout and stole third. He scored on Joe Torre's infield single.

In the fourth, Roy Staiger, Bud Harrelson and Matlack hit consecutive singles, with

the pitcher driving in Staiger. After Reuss struck out Mangual, Leo Foster doubled to center, scoring Harrelson and Matlack.

Reuss walked Mike Vail and Bob Moose relieved. Torre then singled to center to score Foster with the fourth run of the inning.

Grote, Staiger and Harrelson hit consecutive singles for the Mets in the fifth and Grote brought in the only run when Matlack hit into a double play.

Then the Pirates got back into the game on Stargell's homer, his 14th of the season and the 10th grand slam of his career.

## Stones sets new record

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The irrepressible Dwight Stones sagged a bit after his disappointing third-place showing in the Olympic games. Nevertheless, he came to the Philadelphia Bicentennial Meet of Champions predicting a new world's record in the high jump.

And for the second time in two months, Stones' prediction was accurate. He soared to a record 7 feet 7 1/4 inches from Philadelphia's dry surface Wednesday night.

"Getting that bronze was disappointing," Stones said of his Olympic performance. "But I wasn't that let down. I knew the rain had beaten me ... I kept telling myself I couldn't have lost everything in just a few days — that I could remain as a world class jumper."

Stones said that 7 feet 3 inches, the height he jumped at the Olympics, was the magic height. "The key height for me was 7-3 — for obvious reasons. When I reached that height I thought I felt it drizzle. But once I cleared it, I knew this was one night nothing could spoil."

And after floating over the 7 feet 7 1/4 inch mark, Stones continued to fly, taking a slow euphoric lap in his stocking feet, waving his shoes triumphantly over his head.

Wearing a T-shirt with the message "Stones and Mickey Mouse are No. 1" Stones

signed hundreds of autographs — on programs, in books, on sprinter's shoes, even on a reporter's press card. Stones was in the grip of a love affair with Philadelphia; sharp contrast to a cold reception in Montreal.

"I'd like to thank the people of Philadelphia for helping me to come back from a major disappointment in Montreal," Stones told the crowd of about 13,000 gathered in Franklin Field.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Rick Wohlhuter has chosen to run the 1,500 meters, Dwight Stones has elected to try for yet another world high jump record and Harvey Glance is itching for another shot at Valeriy Borzov.

When the United States-Soviet Union dual track meet unfolds this evening and Saturday afternoon at the University of Maryland, it'll give the athletes who did not perform well at the Montreal Olympics another chance.

Wohlhuter, favored to win the Olympic 800, was upset by Cuban Alberto Juantorena in a world record 1 minute, 43.5 seconds and got the bronze medal.

Glance showed good form in early Olympic Games races, but wound up fifth in the final of the 100 at Montreal. He was behind Borzov, who got the bronze medal.

## Bulls make Gilmore 1st pick

NEW YORK (AP) — The Chicago Bulls, as expected, selected Artis Gilmore as the No. 1 choice in the National Basketball Association's dispersal draft yesterday leaving the Portland Trail Blazers to provide all the surprises.

Only 30 minutes before the draft, the Trail Blazers traded veteran high scoring guard Geoff Petrie and Steve

Hawks' draft pick.

After Chicago paid \$1.1 million for the 7 foot 2 Gilmore, Portland went for 6-9 forward-center Maurice Lucas, Gilmore's teammate in the Kentucky Colonels. Three picks later, after Kansas City selected Ron Boone and Detroit took Marvin Barnes, both of St. Louis, Portland used its own No. 5 choice to take 6-10 wonder boy Moses Malone

also of St. Louis.

Barnes at \$500,000 was the second highest priced player in the draft of players from the Kentucky and St. Louis franchises of the American Basketball Association.

Portland paid \$350,000 for Malone and \$300,000 for Lucas, a total of \$650,000, the second biggest payout by a team in this bargain sale of talent.



Photo by Andy Gumburg

Jeff Rosensweig collects one of Mercer's 12 hits that helped win the IM Softball Dorm League title, as York catcher Bill Burd and umpire Jeff Fisher look on.

## Mercer, Pigdogs champs

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Ken Bobek's single, driving in the eventual winning run was the big hit for Mercer as they held on to beat York, 3-2, for the I.M. Dorm softball championship Wednesday night.

The key hit by Bobek came in the sixth inning with a man on and broke a 1-1 tie. It was the start of a two-run rally that proved to be turning point of the game. York fought back in the bottom of the sixth to load the bases but could only salvage one run.

In the bottom of the seventh with two out, Mirenda and Flieshman singled to keep the fire in York's camp alive. But Mike Loreman and Bob Beachler combined on a great catch in centerfield, as Lee Bogdan's line drive glanced off the glove of one and into the other, to snuff out the flame for good.

Leading the battle for York were Mirenda and Flieshman, with three hits apiece.

The rest of the title winning Mercer entry includes captain Jan Kowalewski, Jeff Rosensweig, Matt Boyer, Kevin Schroyer, Eric Putsch, Tom Blandford, Carl Egolf, Bill Santel (winning pitcher), and Shelly Johnson (score keeper).

Tim Young's basket with 2 seconds remaining in overtime decided the IM Independent Basketball League championship as the Pigdogs upset Brass Construction, 43-41, Wednesday night.

Brass Construction had a 14-13 lead at the half but couldn't hold it as the Pigdogs rallied 22-21 to force the game into overtime.

Jim Ouderkerk had 19 points to pace the winners while Bruce Barr chipped in

with 11. Young, Charlie Bolan, and Makowski whose key assist led to Young's winning bucket, round out the new champions. It should also be noted that the Pigdogs played without their high scorer for the season, George Sebetich, who helped get them to the finals.

Mike Wells (14 pts.) and Neil Hutton (10 pts.) led Brass Construction in a losing cause.

Diamond Men will play the Oracles of Delphi on Monday night for the I.M. Independent Softball title. The Co-Rec League semi-finals will also be played Monday night. Counselor ED will go against Washington-Windsor in one game while Mercer opposes the Flashers in the other. The winners will meet Tuesday night for the Co-Rec championship.

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