

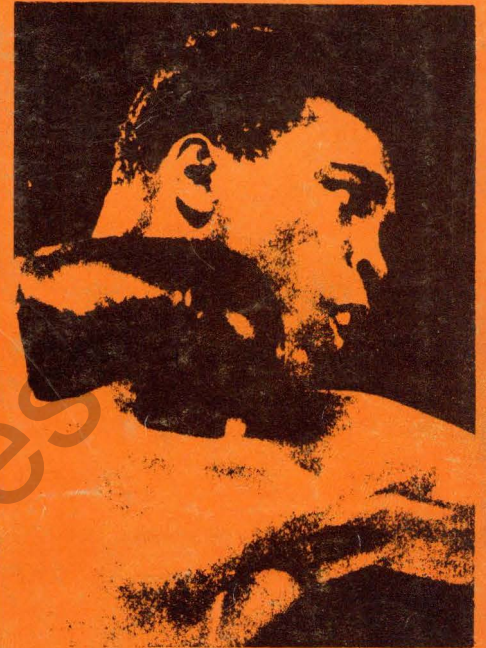
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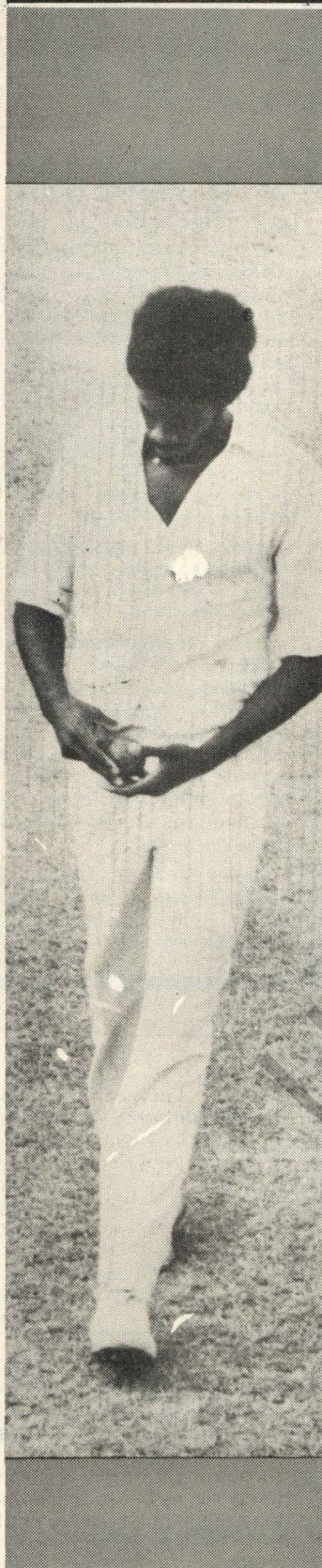
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Paceman Michael Holding

A GIANT LEAP TO FAME

BY
TONY BECCA



The path of West Indies cricket is lined with the exploits of young, almost unknown players who have burst onto the international scene, rubbed shoulders with the best and in no time carved out a place for themselves among the top performers, sometimes even leaving them behind.

In the memorable year of 1950, the year of the calypso "Cricket Lovely Cricket", came Ramadhin and Valentine, unknowns from Trinidad and Jamaica. In no time they had the world confused, some guessing at Ramadhin's variety of spin, others at Valentine's degree and accuracy of spin. The spin twins became a legend.

Before that there was George Headley and since then there has been men like Gary Sobers, Rohan Kanhai, Lawrence Rowe and Alvin Kallicharran. The latest in the line and one destined to fulfil the rich heritage is the tall, graceful 22-year-old Michael Anthony Holding.

Holding, once called "Big George" (George Foreman) by his club mates at Derrymore Road when his pace had reached such frightening pace that Senior Cup batsmen backed away from him in fear, has had a meteoric rise to fame, even more than his illustrious forerunner Wes Hall.

The big Barbadian toured England in 1957 as a teenager failed to get into the Test team, missed selection against Pakistan the next year, and had to wait for a late call to India before he signalled to the world that a great career was on the threshold.

Holding started with great impressions on his first tour, scratched his name around

on the next, and dug a niche on his third.

Indeed Holding's story can probably be described as a rag to riches drama, except for those of us who had a front row seat throughout the whole play, saw the development and waited for the grand act.

Michael Holding is a natural athlete. From his pre-teenaged years when he followed his father Ralph to cricket practice at Melbourne he showed the co-

school the spirit of Kingston College plus their power in competitive sports was always there to urge him along, and at Melbourne he was in the company of some of the best bowlers in the land, Bruce Wellington, Arthur Barrett and Cecil Lawson and the plus of playing for a club who had a good run at the top.

There was no doubt in anybody's mind that Holding was headed for somewhere. How far was the question.

He is one of that rare breed with the style, the rhythm of movement which catch the eye.

ordination of which the great ones are made — even picking up a class three high jump first place at Kingston College. Indeed there were fears that the youngster would have ventured into the track and field world. But the influence of his father, with cricket deep in his blood, kept the passion going in his young son.

Holding has always impressed, he is one of that rare breed with the style, the rhythm of movement which catches the eye and he had the right environment to make sure the attracted eyes stayed with him.

At home he had the cool, delicate guidance of his father and his mother, not the guidance which delve into technique but that which assures and inspires; at

He played for Kingston College, then top grade cricket at Melbourne before going through the line — Benson and Hedges Youths, Jamaica, Young West Indies, and West Indies.

Michael first created the ripple which floated around the islands when he bowled Test batsman Ian Redpath, twice when the Australians played Jamaica at Sabina Park and made it number three in the President's Eleven game at Jarrett Park.

But for a while he marked time as first injury dogged his trail and then the problems of adjusting himself as he grew to his present height of 6' 3". The doubting Thomases stepped in: "he is too slow and he can only cut the ball in".

Suddenly the pace was

A firstclass fielder with a safe pair of hands, a dazzling throw, and a low order batsman who can stem the tide.

there. One afternoon he tormented the batsmen of Kingston Club and one, Anthony Campbell, a man who played Australia and Denis Lillee in 1973, returned to the pavilion to say: "Tony, this man is faster than Lillee. I feel it in the bat".

Everybody saw it in 1974 when he floored Clive Lloyd twice at Sabina Park. But it was not until the Shell Shield of 1975 that they all took stock, when in a burst of sheer speed at Bourda he removed Roy Fredericks for eight and ripped Alvin Kallicharran's stumps for a duck. Clive Lloyd was impressed and the first move was made for the plane ride to Australia.

When it came, mainly through the efforts of Lloyd, many were surprised. Ten wickets at an average of 51 in three seasons of Shell Shield caused questions to be asked but none fussed too much. Here was a bowler for the future.

From there on it has been a success story. Paired with top fast bowler Andy Roberts and opposed by speedsters like Jeff Thomson and Dennis Lillee, Holding came on like wild fire. He walked into the Test team as if by divine right and performed like a seasoned pro.

At Perth in the second Test he played a great part in the West Indies lone victory, taking 4 for 88 before he pulled out with a leg injury. After missing the third he came back at Sydney and had the Aussies stumbling in a great after tea spell on the

second day.

Holding came home with only 10 wickets but acclaimed as one with a great future. At times on that tour he bowled faster than anyone.

For the first two Tests against India he seemed unable to get into top gear but when Roberts was rested for the last two he picked up the slack and hit India solid blows at Queens Park Oval and Sabina Park. On a dusty pitch at the Port of Spain Oval he returned figures of 26.4-3-65-6 for a Test career best and then at Sabina Park he unleashed a fury which had the whole Indian batting in disarray as they dived to defeat.

Then came England and after missing the first Test at Trent Bridge he returned to fully support Roberts and formed along with Wayne Daniel, the fastest combination in memory.

At Old Trafford in the third Test the trio reached a peak and left the England batting in shambles, blasting them out for 71. In that first innings Holding preened himself with 5 for 16 but the honours were for Roberts, he set the stage for his two companions.

Holding's glory was to come and at the Oval on a pitch tailor-made for spinners he played his greatest tune and smashed England with fast bowling the type which left old men digging into their memories to find its equal and sending statisticians back to the last century and Australia's Spottforth to find something



like that by a fast bowler at the Oval.

Against all the odds and against a team in which Denis Amiss made 203 in the first innings, Mike single-handedly bowled the West Indies to victory with figures of 8 for 92 and 6 for 57 to finish with 14 wickets, the best ever by a West Indian in a Test match.

It was a performance which defied the back-breaking conditions and lifted him into the ranks of the greats.

Michael Holding is the fastest West Indies bowler and only Thomson of Australia can come up with terms to match or surpass the

graceful Jamaican. In action he is beautiful to watch as he glides to the wicket like a man moving on a cushion of air and then attacks the batsman with that wonderful delivery action which seems like poetry in motion.

A firstclass fielder with a safe pair of hands, a dazzling throw, and a low order batsman who can stem the tide or put on the finishing touch, Holding may not now be the best West Indies fast bowler, but he is the fastest with the promise of not only surpassing his contemporaries but of becoming the greatest fast bowler of all time. He has the competitive spirit and a brain behind the talent.

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BIG MIKE WAITS FOR THE AUSSIES

In less than one year in Test cricket Jamaican fast bowler Michael Holding has established himself as one of the leading bowlers on the scene, probably the fastest in the business.

Using the maxim "he who feels it knows it" he is the fastest as most of his victims have loudly acclaimed him ahead of his main rival, Australian Jeff Thomson.

He has had a tough baptism. In eight months he has played in three series starting with the mighty Aussies and ending with England. In this interview with Tony Becca he talks about his rise to fame, some of his outstanding achievements and meeting Australia on home soil.

Becca: It is widely known that as a youngster your love

was divided between cricket, track and field athletics and football. What is it that made you stick to cricket forgetting all else?

Holding: Laziness. Track takes a lot of training, it is hard work. At school you don't have to train so hard for cricket. On top of that I could play cricket anywhere, there was more opportunity to play and enjoy myself.

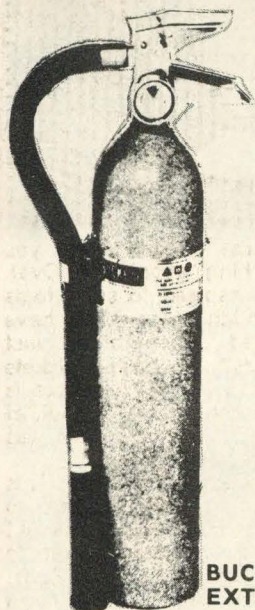
Becca: Your father who is now the president of Melbourne Cricket Club played a lot of club cricket himself, do you think that his and your mother's interest in the game pointed you towards playing the game and inspired you in any way?

Holding: It never really affected me although because he used to play he wanted me to play and as a

result he build a concrete pitch in the backyard for my brother and myself. At that time he used to coach us, mostly about batting. I used to put my foot so close to the ball that sometimes it would drop on my instep.

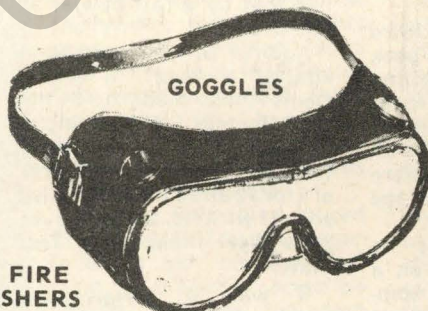
Becca: When would you say was the point that you decided to play cricket seriously and thought about reaching the top?

Holding: Up to when I played Sunlight Cup for Kingston College I had no ambitions in cricket. I just played to the best of my ability hoping that KC would win. But when I was called to trials for the Jamaica team I figured then that I could go somewhere. It was then that I started putting everything into cricket and I gave up track and football.

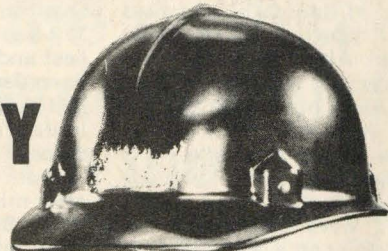


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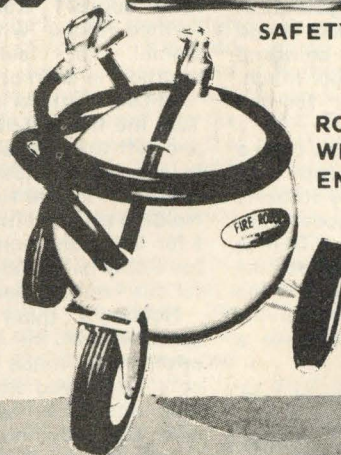
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Becca: Well you are there now, right up with the best. You have partnered Andy Roberts and have matched skills with the famous Thomson and Lillee of Australia. Do you believe that playing with such outstanding bowlers at the start of your own career helped you in anyway?

Holding: Playing with Andy and against Thomson and Lillee helped me, but it also went against me. It was my first tour and I wanted to impress. The pitches in Australia are good for fast bowling and you read and heard so much of their pace that I tried to bowl too fast which was wrong. It really affected me. But bowling with Andy otherwise was a great help, indeed he helped me pick up my first Test wicket. At Perth in the second Test I was bowling without success and was tired. Andy came over and said: "Mikey, when you face Walker again bowl a bouncer on the offstump". I told him I was too tired to do that and he said I must still try it. Next over I let it go and Walker pushed it into gully's hands.

Becca: Talking about bowling to the Aussies, how do you feel our batsmen will fare against Thomson and Lillee in the West Indies?

Holding: It will be a different story. The pitches here are not so fast, there won't be that pace off the pitch and the shine won't last as long as the grounds here are not as covered with grass as it is in Australia.

Becca: On the other hand Mike, how much are you looking forward to bowling to the Aussies in the West Indies?

Holding: I am just waiting for them. It will be much better and I am now more experienced. You see, although the wickets are not so helpful to fast bowlers their umpires won't be here to help them. The Aussies, the Chappells and all of them, will have to play more often in the West Indies. In Australia they could afford not to play even when the ball was on the line of the stumps because they knew the bounce and that at certain length the ball would bounce over the top. It was for them. Here they will have to play and the more they play the

more mistakes they will make.

Becca: After Australia you had India and then England. How did you feel when you produced that blitz at Old Trafford which not only bowled out England for 71, their lowest total against the West Indies, but gave the team their first win of the series?

Holding: Well, the English Press said the pitch was bad that was why they fell apart like that. But when you look at it it must have been good bowling. They all got out bowled, lbw or caught in the slips which shows the ball was going through. They tried to take away some of the glory of the West Indies but it was just a truly good performance by all three of us. That day we bowled fast and good.



Becca: I have to ask you something about the Oval. What inspired to such feats on a pitch which would have crippled many other fast bowlers? Fourteen wickets under any circumstances is something to shout about, at the Oval last August it was almost unbelievable.

Holding: I don't know. It is something which is hard to explain. Before the game all I wanted was seven wickets to reach 50 wickets in Tests. After all the pitch was known to be dead and we had already won the series. But at the start I got an early wicket when Bob Woolmer was out and you know that when a fast bowler gets one so early he throws everything into it.

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Montreal Olympics Sorry Steve! All praises to Quarrie, Crawford

By Jimmy Carnegie

One can never change history, which is probably as well, since we could possibly come out even worse. But this never stops hypothetical discussion particularly about sporting events.

One such discussion which even started before the Olympics in certain circles, is what would have happened in Montreal had Steve Williams been fit and well and on the U.S. team.

Somehow you never hear the same people including the Cuban Silvio Leonard or the Guyanese James Gilkes in the discussion, nor do you ever hear the same people discussing what would have happened at Munich in the 200 if Don Quarrie had been fit. But that is how the world goes. Poor Steve, for despite all this, by the time the next Olympics comes around — unless he is still competing — no one will remember him. The world only likes winners.

Jamaicans unfortunately will be arguing about the issue in a way that people in the U.S. would not if the situations were reversed. You will look in vain, in any U.S. reports of the sprint relay events at both Munich and Montreal to find any mention that Jamaica could have been among the medals, or of the 1600 metres relay at Montreal for any mention that Nigeria might have been a challenger in that event. Already the assault on

Filbert Bayi has already begun in "Track and Field News" with an article that Tanzania withdrew because they were afraid that Walker would beat Bayi!

It is psychological warfare, just like that carried out by many English and Australian journalists when it comes to Test cricket against the West Indies. It is a pity that the African countries missed the real point and withdrew in Montreal.

On the Williams issue, the first shot was fired in the Olympic preview issue of "Sports Illustrated" when the preview, supposedly based on the opinions of experts, said of the men's sprints that "the U.S. lost what seemed like two certain gold medals when Williams pulled a hamstring".

Quite apart from what one might think of that opinion — it was almost certainly a lying representation of expert opinion in that Quarrie had been consistently picked to win the 200 over him, and also, as far as the 100 was concerned, at least one major poll had picked Borzov as the likely winner.

In the report subsequent to the Games in "Track and Field News" of the 200, the point was also made that "many experts would argue well into the night about where Williams would have finished had he been here".

Since then I have been in



Quarrie winning 200 metres at Montreal Olympics

arguments about where Quarrie and Williams would have finished — arguments I insist that would not have been raised had the situation been reversed. Let me then try to take an objective look at an impossible question.

Let us look first at the 100 metres — won by Hasely Crawford in 10.06 with Quarrie second in 10.08 and with an injured Leonard having run out in the second round. (One interesting argument here which deserves some discussion is that Crawford could not have stood up to the psychological pressure of having both DQ and Steve to cope with, and so would have lost to one or both).

Let us then look at the four protagonists in alphabetical order, Crawford, Leonard, Quarrie and Williams. Crawford emerged to prominence in the 1970 Commonwealth Games with a bronze medal behind Quarrie and Miller. In 1972 he made the Olympic 100 final, looking very dangerous, and pulled up hurt — just before the Games he had beaten Eddie Hart the "notorious" American no-show at Munich. In 1973 he was ranked second in the world behind Williams after beating both Quarrie and Williams in the Norman Manley meet in Jamaica late in the year. In 1975 he beat Williams again in the indoor A.A.U. 60, and also won the N.C.A.A. indoor 60 and outdoor 100 yards. Late in the

year, he was passed by Leonard on the line in the Pan Am 100 after throwing up his hand prematurely in celebration.

It has always been my view that Crawford, on his day, is probably the most powerful and strongest 100 metres sprinter since Bob Hayes, although his intelligence and temperament have been suspect. In Montreal his 10.06 was the third best time at sea level ever in electronic terms, behind only Steve Riddick at Zurich 1975 and Bob Hayes Tokyo 1964 both in 10.05. I feel that once he had made the final in Montreal and had been lanes away from Quarrie, Williams and Leonard in a hypothetical race Crawford would have been very hard to beat.

Leonard has beaten Quarrie, Williams, Crawford and Borzov (the latter in a 200) since 1974 and has not lost to any of them when fit, although he was beaten by a sensational young East German runner named Eugen Ray (10.16 for an indoor 100 metres!) who did not himself turn up for Montreal. The only one he beat in a big meet however, was Crawford, and the latter really threw away that race — and it has been said that he took both Quarrie and Williams by surprise in 1974 since there had been no evidence that he had reached that kind of class and they probably were not mentally "up" for him.

I saw Leonard run as an 18-year-old in Maracaibo in 1973, and already the term "quicksilver" could describe him. I feel however, that Cuban preparation is not ideal for their sprinters and feel that he would still have ended up without a medal in Montreal.

In Montreal, Quarrie ran his best ever 100 (for the uninitiated .24 of a second is the accepted difference between hand and electronic times in the sprints so when comparing, he and Crawford would have run 9.82 and 9.84 respectively, or both would have been rounded off to 9.8 on hand-timing) so there is not much more one can say.

With Steve in the race, Crawford might possibly have been toned down, but then there would have been Steve himself. Quarrie beat

him in the A.A.U. last year but Steve beat him in a 9.9-10 flat after that in Berlin, or a world record hand-timed and they were 4-4 on the year.

Williams has run more fast 100's over the year than Quarrie, but based on last year's running there was not much to choose between them. He has equalled the hand-timed world record 4 or 5 times and won some good victories but has never gone through a major Games. He certainly should have been right in at the Montreal finish but he has never run faster than 10.08 electronic — the same as DQ's time at Montreal. This he did in finishing second to Riddick in 1975's Zurich race. But whether he would have won at Montreal is quite another matter and not in my view either certain or obvious.

The 200 metres is a different story since Leonard does not really come into it. His last fast 200 was almost 18 months before Montreal when he beat Borzov 20.2 to 20.7. There is no evidence that, even if fit, he would have run in Montreal although he was listed. In fact there were rumours that he would not, since, like Borzov, who did not bother to defend his title he just had not done enough work.

What of DQ and Steve? When DQ beat Steve in the 100 and 200 in late 1973 it was the first time that he had ever beaten him since they first met in early 1972. Between that time and the International Freedom Games in May 1975, again in Jamaica, Williams did not beat Quarrie over the 200. After the Freedom Games Quarrie beat Williams 5-3 for the rest of the year, including a world record hand-timed 220, and the A.A.U., although Williams won the last few races. DQ won in Montreal in 20.23, or the equivalent of a hand-timed 20 flat. **He has never lost a race while running that fast nor he has ever lost when coming off the curve 2-3 yards in front as he did in Montreal.**

The coming of Williams and James Gilkes, who both finish even faster than he does, forced Quarrie to make the turn the strong point of his race, and even the U.S. experts see him as the greatest turn runner ever. In

Montreal Gilkes, a very poor starter, would probably have been 5-6 yards back and Williams no nearer than two. On a wet track particularly militating against lift — on which Williams depends so much, I do not think Williams would have caught Quarrie, and I do not think he would have caught him on a dry day either.

Williams has not run faster this year, than Hampton's 20.10 at Eugene, which is equivalent to 19.9, and I have no reason to believe, judging by his unimpressive performance in the biggest 200's of 1974 and 1975 — in both of which he finished 4th to Quarrie's first. That Williams after 7 races would have run any better than Hampton after 3. Nor could Gilkes, in my view, closed 5 or 6 yards either. Indeed it is my belief that only the fantastic Tommie Smith could have closed on DQ. In other words, with the kind of turn DQ ran in Montreal — the basis on which he was favoured to take the title — and his fast time on a wet track, I believe that he would have beaten Williams, unless the latter had developed some unusual dimension to his race not yet revealed.

Quarrie won by almost a metre in Montreal although he eased in the last few strides. Against Williams and Gilkes there would have been no ease up. Williams in Montreal would have had a good chance in both races but would not have had to win either. Probably he would have had a better shot at the 100 metres — but we will never know.



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World heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali successfully defended his crown with a controversial points decision over Ken Norton in New York on Tuesday, September 28. It was the third time both fighters had faced each other with Norton winning the first encounter and Ali the second.

26-year-old Japanese Royal Kobayashi won the World Boxing Council's super bantamweight title in Tokyo on October 9 when he stopped the defending champion Rigoberto Riasco of Panama 48 seconds in the eighth round. The Japanese floored Riasco in the seventh and eighth rounds. In the World Boxing Association's version of the junior middleweight, Miguel Angel Castellini of Argentina won a points decision over Spain's Jose Duran on October 8 to capture the title.

The Guyana Cricket Board of Control has made a move to stamp out the practice of fans running onto the field while the game is in progress. The Board announced on October 25 that anyone caught running onto the field would be put out of the ground and might also be prosecuted.

The release read in part: "The practice of persons invading the cricket field to congratulate players has assumed such alarming proportions that the Guyana Cricket Board of Control is forced to apply stern measures to stamp it out."

"This practice affects the game in several ways — to the players it is a nuisance and annoyance both physically and mentally. To the other spectators it is most disgusting."

A come-back bid by veteran racing car drivers Sterling Moss of Britain and Jack Brabham of Australia failed on October 3 when their car was rammed on the starting when the clutch failed to release. The 47-year-old Moss

and the 50-year-old Brabham had joined forces to a Holden Torana SLR5000 in the annual Mount Panorama 150-mile race west of Sydney.

Barbados won the annual Benson and Hedges full-bore rifle shoot competition by six points at the Twickenham Park on Sunday, October 3. Barbados totalled 830 points to Trinidad's 824. Jamaica finished with the same number of points as Trinidad but had to settle for third place as they had lost the 600-yard shoot. Richard Browne of Barbados won the top individual prize.



West Indies captain Clive Lloyd sounded a warning to the Australians recently when he stopped in Trinidad on his way from Guyana to New York. After beating England 3-0 and letting out that he feels his team can beat Pakistan in the forthcoming series Lloyd said: "My burning ambition now is to beat the Aussies, and I believe we have the team to do it right at this moment. Man for man we are just as good as Gregg Chappell's boys". He went to say: "Holding is a vastly improved bowler. He is now bowling a good length and line and is the perfect foil for Andy Roberts".



Pakistan won the first two Tests in their home series against New Zealand and seem set for a convincing triumph before they tackle the West Indies beginning next February. They won the first Test at Lahore by six wickets and the second at Hyderabad by 10 wickets. During the Lahore Test, 19-year-old Javed Miandad hit 163 in Pakistan's first innings to become the second Pakistani player to score a century on his debut. In the same innings the 34-year-old New Zealand offspinner Peter Petherick became only the second player in the history of the game to take a hat-trick on his debut. The other man was Maurice Allom of England who achieved the feat against New Zealand at Christchurch in the 1929-30 series.

Kingston Club and Munro Old Boys shared the two hockey knockout titles. Kingston defeated Raiders 2-1 on penalty flicks in a close final to win the 3M Trophy while Munro beat Kingston 2-0 in convincing style to take the Gleaner title.

Diamond Aces became the Minor League softball champions on Wednesday, October 13. The Aces stopped Coca Cola Braves 13-6 in a thrilling encounter after both teams were locked at the top of the tables.

The West Indies women cricket team left home on October 19 for a five-Test series in India. Apart from the Test matches the team will play four two-day games and two one-day games.

The team: Louise Browne — captain, Beverley Browne, Menota Teka, Jasmine Sammy, Nora St. Rose (Trinidad); Pat Whittaker, Sheryl Bayley, Janet Mitchell, Gloria Gill, Angella Harris (Barbados); Grace Williams, Dorothy Hobson, Yolande Hall, Vivalyn Latty-Scott, Peggy Fairweather (Jamaica); and Joan Alexander (Grenada).

Trinidadian Jean Carmino accompanied the team as manager with Monica Taylor of Jamaica as charge de affairs

Ashton Antoine, Trinidad's number one middleweight, went out a second round technical knockout to American Karl Vinson in their scheduled 10-round bout in Port of Spain on October 16. Vinson is ranked number 10 in the world.

St. Vincent successfully defended the Commercial Union Insurance Trophy when they defeated Barbados in the fifth statehood regatta at Canash Bay in Kingstown on October 24. After the six races St. Vincent finished with 56 points, Barbados 65, and St. Lucia 92.

Barbados' Steve Tryhane was awarded the trophy as the most outstanding skipper of the regatta. To date St. Vincent and St. Lucia have won the trophy twice and Barbados once. Each team comprised four boats with two persons per boat.

Younis Ahmed, the one-time promising Pakistan batsman, who defied his country's ruling banning all sportsmen from playing in apartheid South Africa when he toured with the Derek Robins Eleven in 1973 had his request for pardon turned down by the Government last month. The Cricket Board later backed the Government's decision. Younis had hoped to play in the current series against New Zealand.



Australia's cricket captain Greg Chappell started off the Sheffield season with a bang as he slammed a superb 187 for Queensland against Victoria in the opening game of the season. It was Chappell's highest score for Queensland since he left South Australia.

Cuba and Haiti will meet in Havana on November 27 for the first leg of a qualifying round in the Central American and Caribbean zone of the World Cup football competition. The second leg will be played in Port Au Prince on December 11.

Michael Holding has won the Wombwell Cricket Lovers' Society's Sir Frank Worrell Memorial Trophy as the outstanding player in the recent series between the West Indies and England.

Guyana's lightweight champion Lennox Blackmore scored a technical knockout in the eighth round against Jamaica's Errol West in Georgetown on Friday, October 29. With that victory Blackmore put himself right in line for a crack at the Commonwealth title held by Nigeria's Jonathan Dele. On the same card, another Guyanese, veteran Lennox Beckles won a unanimous decision over Jamaica's Roy Goss in a welterweight contest.

Jamaica's gold team for the World Amateur Team of Four Championships in Portugal was forced to pull out of the tournament because of the participation of South Africa. Three days before the team was scheduled to leave for Por-

tugal the Ministry of Youth and Community Development reminded the golf association the country's

stand in connection with apartheid South Africa and quietly told them to stay home.

HOLDING... From Page 5

There were times when I started to feel tired but Lloyd kept moving me around so there was no monotony plus everytime I felt that I was getting really tired I would pick up a wicket or two and that is always good to keep you going. But you should remember that by this Test match I was fit. During my illness and injuries I was resting while Andy and Wayne were burning themselves out, they were bowling more than I was. I was fresh at the Oval, Andy was tired after all the work plus he did not start with an early wicket and that sapped him more. I was very tired at

the end but was very happy.

Becca: Well, the Pakistanis and their reputedly strong batting will soon be here, any thoughts on that?

Holding: They have some good batsmen but I still figure that they are as suspect to real fast bowling as the Indians. I still remember Majid (Khan) driving beautifully when we played Glamorgan at Swansea before I bowled him a bouncer and then ripped out his stumps next ball. Maybe it was just a firstclass match and he wasn't too concerned what happened. We will just have to wait until February to see what is what.

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ANITA ROMPS TO FINAL 16

Jamaica's women's singles champion and 1975 Caribbean champion Anita Belnavis turned in a wonderful performance in the third Asian-African-Latin American Table Tennis Championships in Mexico winning all her games in the women's team events and reaching the final 16 in the women's singles.

Displaying her usual depth in defence along with a point-winning forearm smash, Belnavis' only defeat in the tournament was against Mexico's Diana Guillen which cost her a place in the last eight. She is the second Jamaican to advance so far in these games following Monica DeSouza who went out at the same stage to the then world champion Huyu Lan in Peking in the first AAA Championships in 1973.

Results: men's team — Jamaica beat Bangladesh 5-0, Gambia 5-0, Macao 5-2, Saudia Arabia 5-0, lost to Cuba 5-2 and China 5-0.



Belnavis

Women's team — Jamaica defeated Argentina 3-0, Uganda 3-0, Ethiopia 3-1, Benim 3-0, lost to Brazil 3-2.

Men's singles — Cornel France bt Yves Kiojo (Benim) 21-19, 21-13; Jose Arcos (Ecuador) 21-6, 21-17; Wahiesto Lopex (Nicaragua)

21-12, 18-21, 21-18; Zav Hair Zwuan (Palestine) 21-10, 21-14; Eboh Sunday (Nigeria) 21-19, 21-19; lost to Chiang Chi-tung (China) 7-21, 21-11, 13-21. Evon Williams bt Shah Hitesh (Kenya) 21-19, 21-17; Sadah Hermis (Iraq) 21-10, 21-10; Jorge Alvarado (Guatemala) 21-15, 21-17; Kalid Ibrahim (Arabia) 21-13, 21-9; lost to Mc Masahiro (Japan) 14-21, 9-21. Roberto Byles bt Juan Mirones (Panama) 20-22, 21-4, 21-10; Saleh Alshaman (Arabia) 21-13, 21-13; lost to S. Hayat (Pakistan) 21-19, 16-21, 17-21 and to Lu Yuan Cheng (China) 10-21, 12-21. Richard Stephenson bt Omar Kassonke (Mali) 21-15, 21-15; Othneil Reyes (Guatemala) 21-17, 21-14; Nebeyou Efren (Ethiopia) 21-14, 21-18; lost to Adjetey (Ghana) 7-21, 18-21 and to Keyana Kinji (Japan) 24-22, 19-21, 16-21.

Women's singles — Belnavis bt Gil Navarro (Mexico) 21-6, 21-2; Yvonne

Sanchez (Puerto Rico) 21-13, 21-8; Tirsit Sewdie (Ethiopia) 21-9, 21-1; Leela Bhajan (Trinidad) 21-15, 21-12; lost to Diana Guillen (Mexico) 11-21, 16-21, 21-17, 19-21.

Boys singles — Colin McNeish bt Victor Suaza (Colombia) 21-12, 21-6; Thom Soyan (Laos) 21-12, 17-21, 23-21 and lost to Rasul Betancourt (Cuba) 17-21, 18-21.

In the overall results China beat Japan 5-1 to win the men's team crown and for the women title China beat Japan 3-0. The men's singles was won by China's Kus Yuen-Hua from Mitsuro Kohno of Japan 21-13, 18-21, 21-18, 21-18; the women singles went to Chang Li of China who defeated Hsi Piang also of China 21-19, 17-21, 21-16, 13-21, 21-15; boys singles — L. Chang Keet of Malaysia beat Saif from Pakistan 21-17, 21-15, 21-11 and the girls title went to Vanh of Laos who defeated Salazar of Peru 21-9, 21-10, 21-14.



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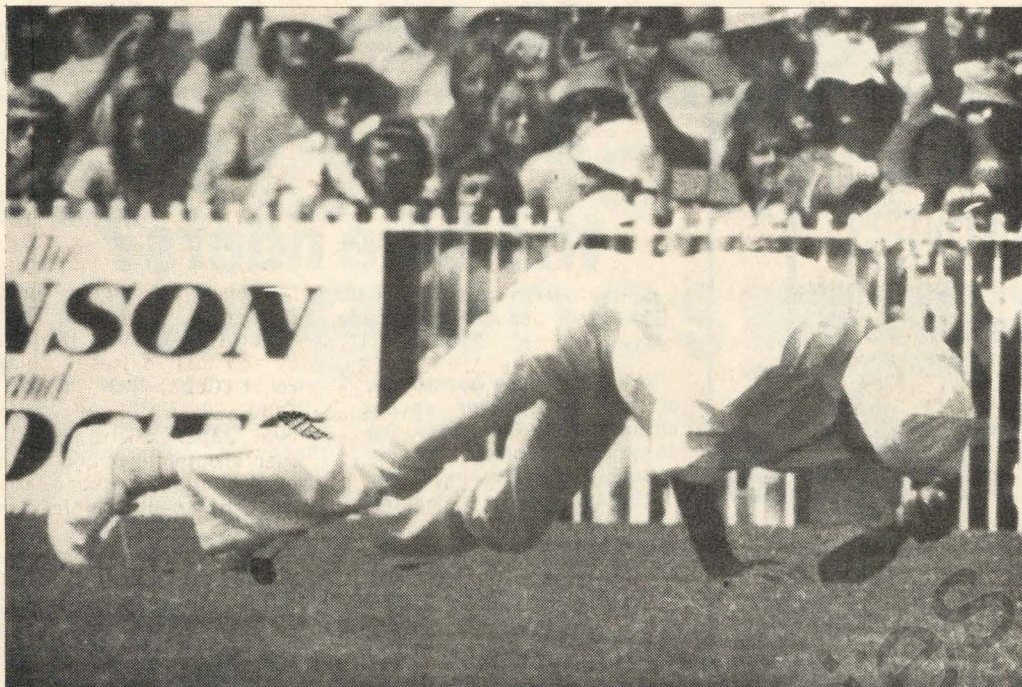
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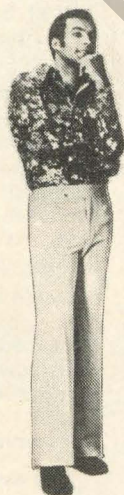
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LOOKING BACK — Almost a year ago the West Indies, World Cup champions, invaded Australia bristling with confidence and itching for the world championship. In a series marked by fast bowling and excitement the West Indies went down 5-1. Some of the moments still linger in the memory. Above Lance Gibbs, world record wicket-taker takes a brilliant catch at gully to dismiss Alan Turner off Vanburn Holder in the sixth Test at Melbourne. Right — Turner is again the victim, this time holding his throat after a Michael Holding express bouncer in the Fifth Test at Adelaide.

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Motor racers! But where are the bike riders?

By Michael Burgess

While Jamaica boasts one of the best motor racing circuits in the Caribbean, the Jamaica Motor Racing Association is allowing motor cycle racing to die a slow but sure death.

It is quite over a year ago, Sunday, August 31, 1975 to be exact that the JMRA staged a truly competitive motor cycle meet. The likes of Johnny Long and Rick Clutts (Miami) and Guyana's Frank Van Sertima provided the large turn out of local riders with stiff competition.

Mark Chin, son of veteran motor cyclist Lionel Chin along with a number of youngsters held their own in the overseas company, today there is but a handful of cyclist entering these meets.

If the JMRA does not find a way to attract the number of youngsters, who are to be seen daily throughout the country, rolling away on these bikes in no ordinary fashion, motor cycle racing will be a thing of the past like Go-Kart racing.

What ever happened to the drive that the JMRA started to attract female drivers? This too would find a place in motor enthusiasts hearts as female drivers in action at Vernamfield could build a following of its own as there are hundreds of female drivers in Jamaica today.

It has been seen abroad that women drivers are often more efficient than men, and on the local scene one Insurance Company along with Goodyear are paying special interest to female drivers. The JMRA could play its part in once again trying to encourage women drivers by staging a special ladies race, and give our females a chance to prove themselves on the track.

It is a paradox that less attention is paid to motor

cycle racing when it is cheaper to keep a bike rolling, than to keep a car in shape for Vernamfield action.

The JMRA could approach the local distributors of Harley-Davidson, Can-am, Triumph, Norton, Suzuki, Honda, BSA, Yamaha and other firms involved in motor cycle, to sponsor a team as on the Daytona, Florida circuit where the distributors sponsor two to three riders on their brand motor cycles. If this is not possible, the JMRA could approach these firms to sponsor events per lap. This would encourage local riders to enter the sport.

It is not too late for the JMRA, to seek attractive sponsorship for the cycle events on their Sunday, November 28 International meet. Riders from the Florida circuit are expected to participate and it would be good if the JMRA could get a reasonable turn out of local riders for these actions.

The JMRA could also approach the Jamaica Tourist Board for assistance in staging a motor cycle classic at Vernamfield, during the coming winter.

Like the annual Daytona classic, invitations could be sent to the Yamaha, Kawaski, Suzuki, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Norton and other manufacturers to share in two-weekends of action.

JMRA could plan a week of riding on the Vernamfield circuit using this as a speedway while arranging a number of moto-crosses in Negril, St. Ann and Caymanas Park.

This would help to put some revenue in the local economy while the visitors would "feel the true spirit of Jamaica".

Soccer revival....

Let's look to the young ones

By
George Beckford

Football rivalry is one of the healthiest segments of our sports. But all the excitement in these days comes from the spectators instead of the players who are supposed to provide the action.

From what I have seen in the disrupted Major League season and the schoolboy competitions, there has been no brilliant displays to create excitement, only disputes which have forced the referees to seek guaranteed protection from the security forces.

People are so bored with life nowadays that the increasing fondness for soccer is not surprising. Santos, who have stayed out of the Major League over the sharing of gate money, are training young boys and would teach younger ones as soon as they

could walk if that was possible.

Frivolous as that assumption may seem, it shows the love for football in the island despite the elimination of our national team by Cuba in the Olympic and World Cup tournaments. The fans are still eager to watch football.

Their desires can be satisfactorily fulfilled with proper discipline and tolerance.

It is disappointing that our club and international teams have fluctuated so much since Jorge Penna's coaching in 1961 to the present era of George Thompson. Maybe the inconsistency in standard and quality is partly due to the financial insecurity of the players — many of them unemployed — and the lack of an insurance scheme to

cover injuries which might prevent employment and even further play.

Nevertheless, we participate in an amateur scene and players should be dedicated to training, improving techniques and skills, or else quit the leagues. Some players are too easily satisfied with their game when assured of being more often on the field than on the substitute's bench.

I do not know if the zealous coaches, generally the target of critics, are devoting enough attention to accurate and well-directed shots and the need of flexibility, sometimes even in formations probably reverting to the old 5-3-2 formation, the one which produced such players as Arthur McKenzie, Lindy Delapenha, Alty Sasso, J. K. Holt Jnr., Vivian Coy, Noel Tappin, Gillie Heron and Ted Ansell, players who from 30 yards caused goalkeepers to shudder.

McKenzie used to practise kicking toward goal from a distance and also from difficult angles so that he often shot past goalkeepers and left the spectators buzzing with excitement. Goals are what send the crowd into rhapsody.

In the era preceding Penna's introduction of the sophisticated Brazilian 4-2-4 formation, club and national teams scored a greater number of goals than the comparative famine now being experienced.

Goals scored by Jamaica in Olympic, CONCACAF, and World Cup matches during the last decade have been few and far between, almost a cause for national celebration. There is a reason for it, considering that Alan Cole, regarded as the most talented player of the last



Cole fancy, but no goals

decade, has scored only one goal for Jamaica, and that from the penalty spot.

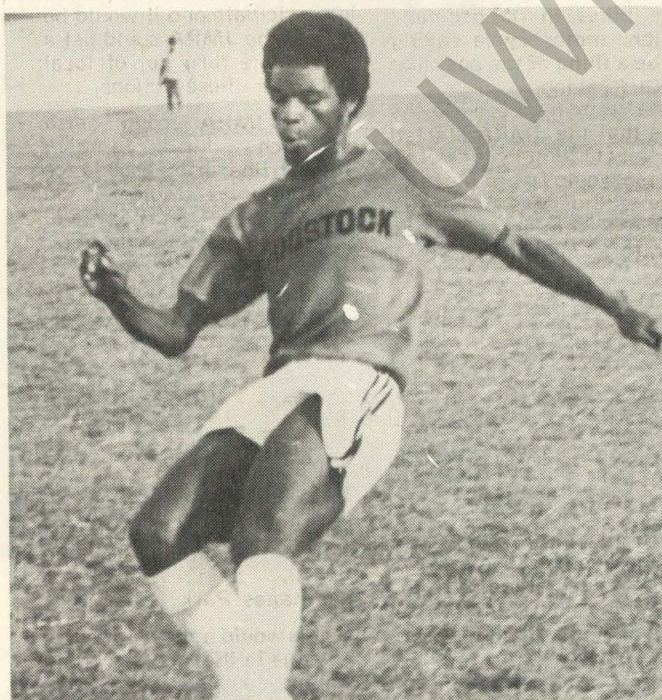
Those with the ability to score goals have either been unavailable, unco-operative, or uninvited.

Once upon a time we depended on the First Division competition contested by fewer clubs to supply the talent for national representation. Now, the introduction of a community league has given us a wider supply of quantity instead of quality.

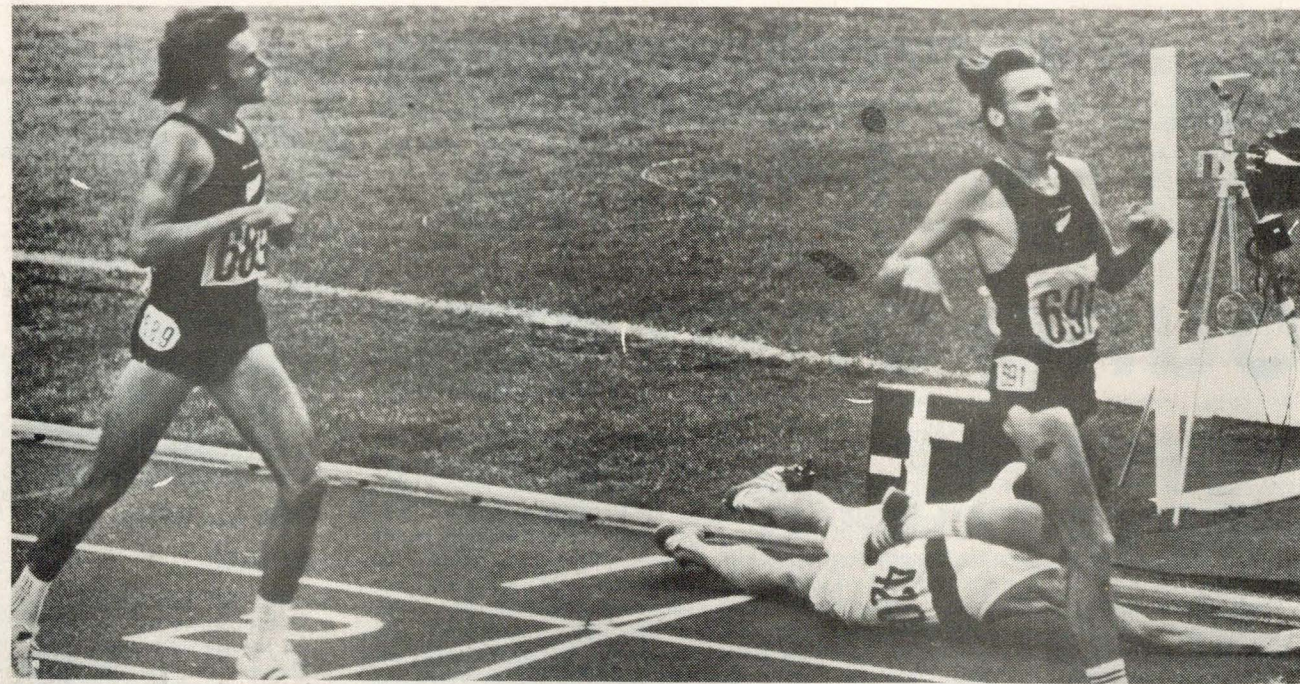
If Jamaica hopes to make it in football, to build a niche for themselves in the region, future national squads will have to be built from the schoolboys. This is our hope if, like Cuba, Haiti and Trinidad, we are to go beyond the first round of competitions such as the Olympics and the World Cup.

The prospect seems bright here, particularly as many players are taking part in the big leagues. But effort will have to be made to get more in action as many bow out after the fanfare of schoolboy competition. So many of the talented players disappear from the scene altogether and one wonders if it is not a fear of being injured in the harder league without the benefit of some sort of compensation.

Maybe it won't be the next time out, or the next, but there is promise that with a good plan the schoolboys of today could bring us glory tomorrow.



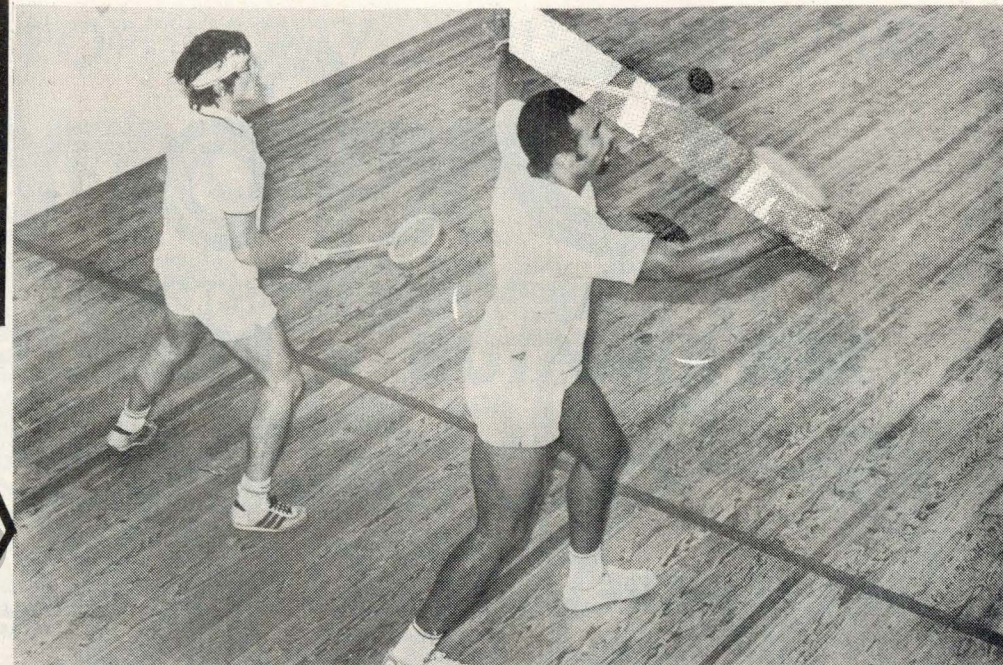
Woodstock...one of the young ones



The spectacular dive across the finish line earned Klaus-Peter Hildenbrand the bronze medal in the 5,000-metre race in Montreal. Shown ahead of him is the silver medalist, Dick Quax of New Zealand.

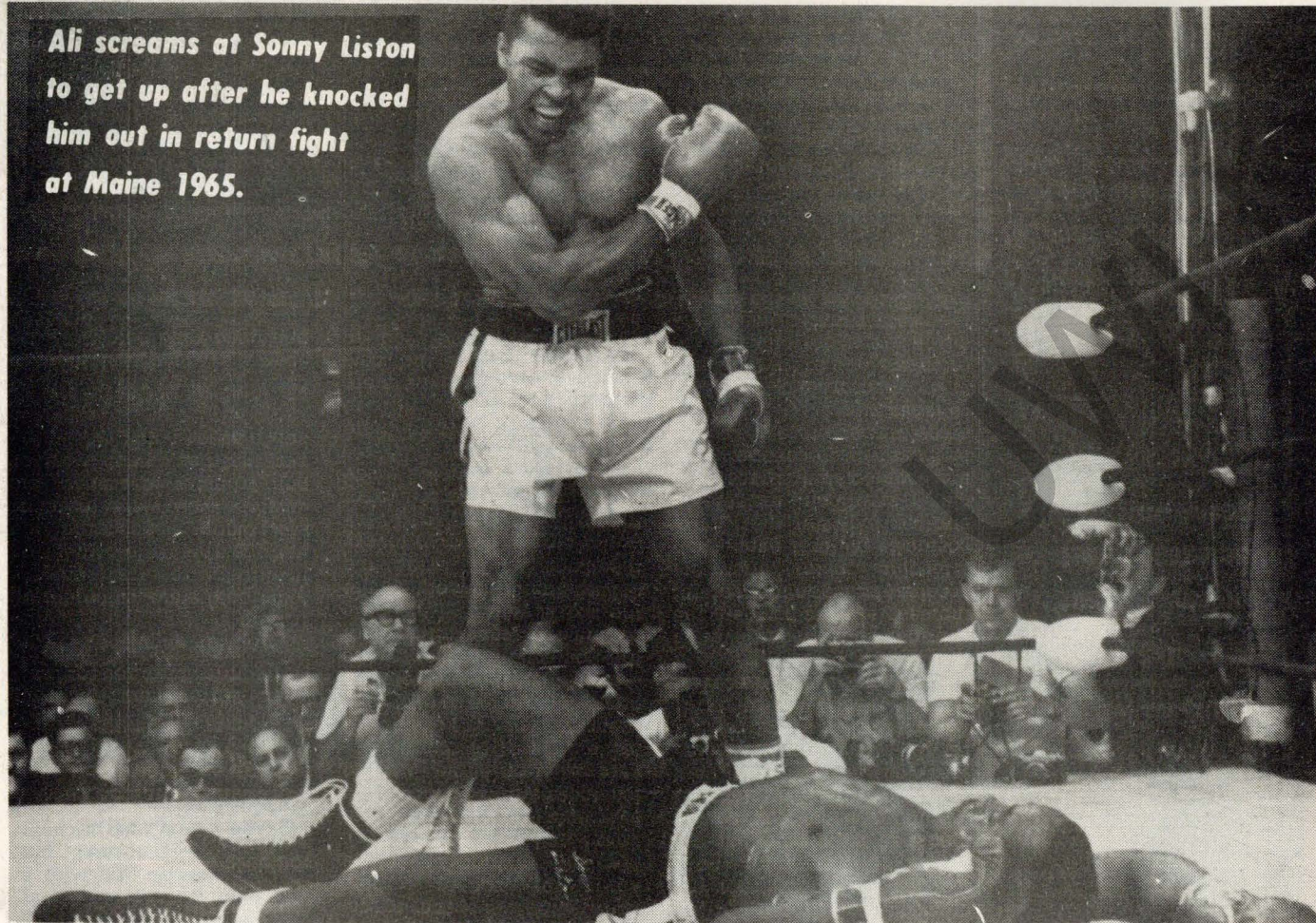
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Orville Haslam [right] completes a stroke as he defeats C. Burke 9-5, 9-2, 9-5 to take the Men's Open title in the WISYNCO - sponsored squash tournament at the Liguanea Club on Sunday October 31.

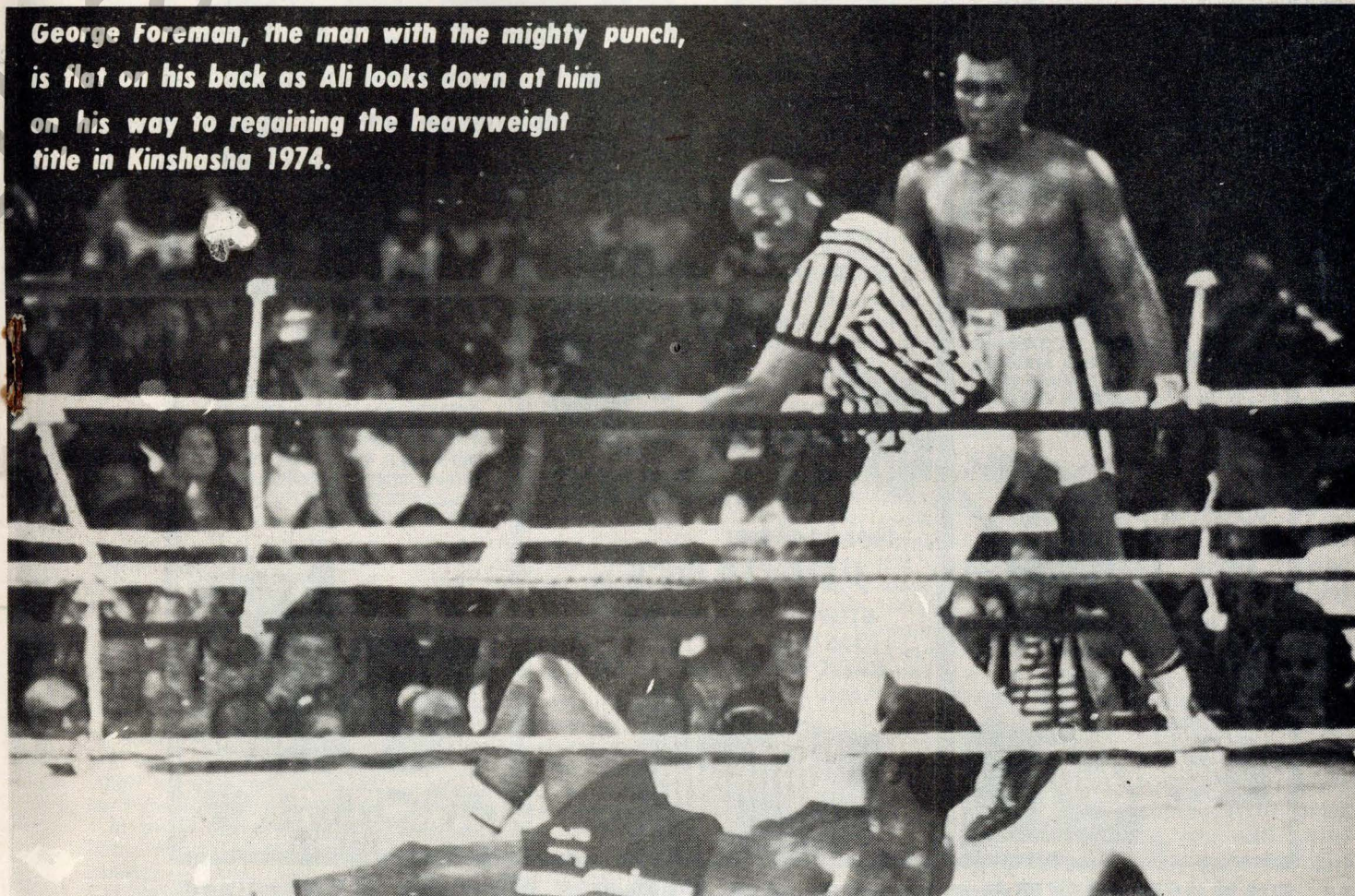


TEN YEARS APART – FIRST LISTON... THEN FOREMAN

Ali screams at Sonny Liston to get up after he knocked him out in return fight at Maine 1965.



George Foreman, the man with the mighty punch, is flat on his back as Ali looks down at him on his way to regaining the heavyweight title in Kinshasha 1974.



INCREASED POPULARITY BUT DIM FUTURE:

Around the world in the sixties. Hustling from capital to capital. The competition, the crowds. Finding it difficult some of the time — enjoying it most of the time. We lived out of a suitcase amid the clutter and chaos of racquets, balls and strangers. Was it really all worth it?

After struggling through all the qualifying events or the major tournaments we finally made it up the steps of a slippery ladder. Winning an historic Davis Cup match over Arthur Ashe and Charlie Pasarell at St. Andrew Club aided us greatly in our climb.

We had arrived at last on that 'jet set' scene where only the strong and determined could survive what the weak and impressionable were forced to succumb to. We found ourselves in the thick of the wild wheelings and dealings of the circuit. In some instances top name players were paid a good amount of cash, under the table, just to make an appearance. The figure sometimes reached the thousands!

What a pair we were, Lance Lumsden and I. Imagine a cross-section of tennis players from Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, the United States, some Europeans plus a handful of South Americans, Asians and, of course, two incorrigible Jamaicans! Quite an impressive cast!

Lance and I were, indeed, incongruous. Curiosity at our kinky hair and Caribbean demeanour was evident from the first. Shall we say we added a bit of COLOUR to the tournaments! Many times we arrived at U.S. events, the embarrassment obvious amid the long silences and tense atmosphere. These reactions, rather than deterring us, encouraged us to prove ourselves and try to make a lasting impression. That we did! If at any time we failed on the tennis courts we won admirably on the stage in our small world of do-it-yourself entertainment.

In place of racquets and balls we carried guitars and maracas and took the Caribbean feeling with us

Whatever happened to the big plans for tennis?



wherever we went. Not only did this moonlighting make the money necessary to get from one tournament to another but we became popular and accepted. Always invited to return, always remembered wherever we went. I suppose it was our, shall I call it uniqueness, in that strange environment that kept us popular. I certainly couldn't hold a note and Lance could do little more than strum the guitar! Funnily enough we quite often made more money at a tournament than the opponents that might have beaten us!

It was a great life, full of maturing and learning and it only comes around once. But what of the other Caribbean players? Since our departure no player, male or female in the Caribbean has been able to compete in the challenging world of International tennis. With the exception of one or

BY RICHARD RUSSELL

two semi-determined players managing to get an odd sponsorship here or there absolutely no plans are being put into progress for upgrading the standard of the island's most promising players.

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Even clothing has become highly fashionable and the market for it very competitive. North America and Canada cannot get enough of the top class European shorts and shirts. These retailing for \$35.00 and \$25.50 respec-

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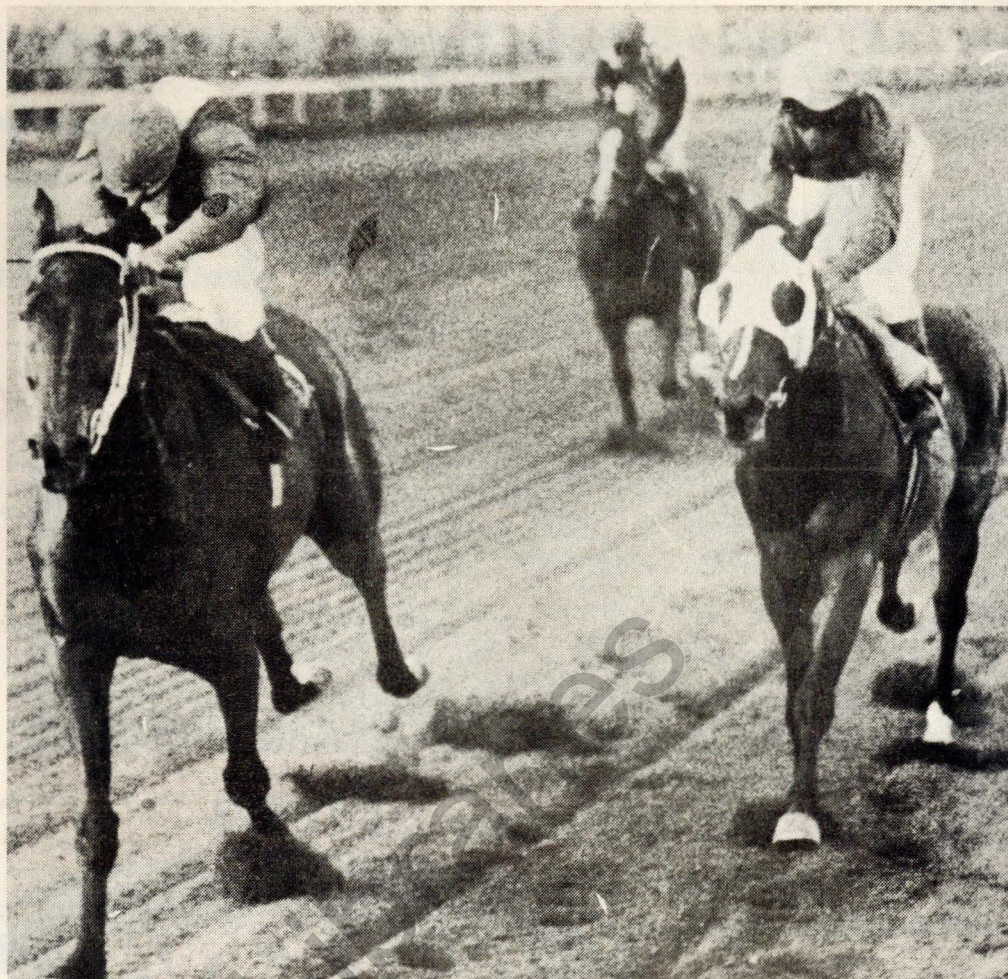
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Zareba and **Picolo Pete** moved in pursuit but **Balladier** shook off their challenge and then held the stretch to beat **Rebeldeen** by 1½ lengths to take the premier classic and set some sort of a record for Nunes in his first season. The "E" class upstart had triumphed, and the Derby for which **Chevalier** had been unplaced favourite had now fallen to his son, the rank outsider.

Balladier was fourth in his next start against a good field in the Governor General's Stakes, and after being outstayed by **Rebeldeen** in the Lonsdale Challenge Cup, he crowned the year's performances by trouncing **Reprieve**, **Londesborough Boy** and **Montes Stitch** in the Prime Minister's Cup to bring his stakes earnings to \$12,750.

1973 was a moderate year



Winning return: Champion horse **Balladier** (left) with Charles Hussey up, moving away from Appeal Court to win the Frank E. Lyons Memorial Cup for A1 horses over 1¼ miles at Caymanas Park last November

for **Balladier** as he was probably struggling to find his place in the top class. Still, he managed to win the President's Cup at a mile over some of the best middle distance horses in the country. He followed this up with a close second to **Common Market** in the Rameses Trophy, again at a mile.

However, it was in the prestigious seven-furlong Benson and Hedges Gold Cup

that **Balladier** really signalled his arrival. With third topweight of 125lb and under jockey Cliff Parkes, he came storming through at the finish of a distance regarded too short for him to be beaten by the eventual Horse of the Year **Tachyon** and **Polka Dot**.

Victories in the Bonnie Blue Flag Trophy and Governor General's Stakes the following year and a record which showed him always in the top four in his 10

starts enabled **Balladier** to amass stakes of \$11,530 for his owner Miss Constance.

By the end of the season two significant things were realised: **Balladier** had taken over pride of place at the top of the handicap in the top class and had changed owners—he was now the sole property of his trainer Nigel Nunes. **Balladier** had become

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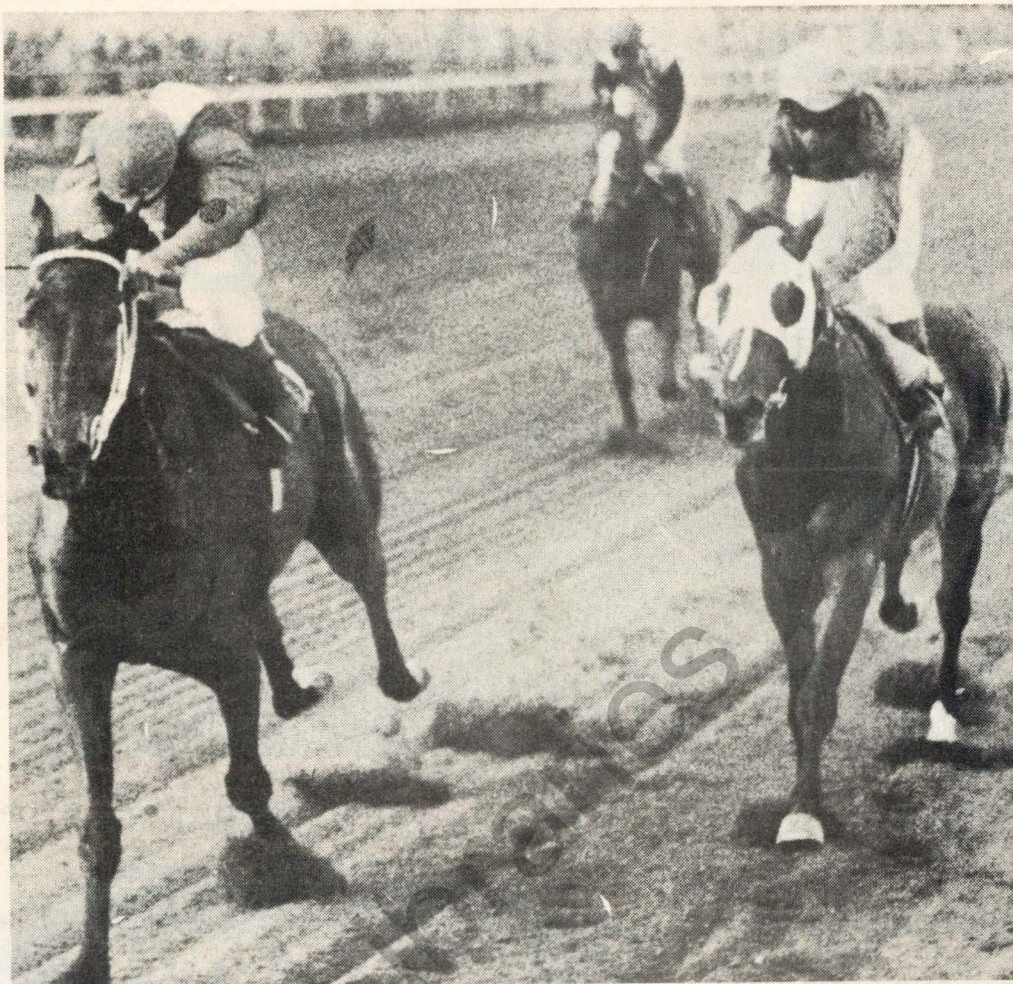
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Zareba and **Piccolo Pete** moved in pursuit but **Balladier** shook off their challenge and then held the stretch to beat **Rebeldeen** by three lengths to take the premier classic and set some sort of a record for Nunes in his first season. The "E" class upstart had triumphed, and the Derby for which **Revalier** had been unplaced favourite had now fallen to his son, the rank outsider.

Balladier was fourth in his next start against a good field in the Governor General's stakes, and after being out-weighed by **Rebeldeen** in the Hunsdale Challenge Cup, he owned the year's performances by trouncing **prieve**, **Londesborough** and **Montes Stitch** in the Time Minister's Cup to bring his stakes earnings to \$7,750.

1973 was a moderate year



Winning return: Champion horse **Balladier** (left) with Charles Hussey up, moving away from Appeal Court to win the Frank E. Lyons Memorial Cup for A1 horses over 1¼ miles at Caymanas Park last November

for **Balladier** as he was probably struggling to find his place in the top class. Still, he managed to win the President's Cup at a mile over some of the best middle distance horses in the country. He followed this up with a close second to **Common Market** in the Rameses Trophy, again at a mile.

However, it was in the prestigious seven-furlong Benson and Hedges Gold Cup

that **Balladier** really signalled his arrival. With third topweight of 125lb and under jockey Cliff Parkes, he came storming through at the finish of a distance regarded too short for him to be beaten by the eventual Horse of the Year **Tachyon** and **Polka Dot**.

Victories in the Bonnie Blue Flag Trophy and Governor General's Stakes the following year and a record which showed him always in the top four in his 10

starts enabled **Balladier** to amass stakes of \$11,530 for his owner Miss Constance.

By the end of the season two significant things were realised: **Balladier** had taken over pride of place at the top of the handicap in the top class and had changed owners—he was now the sole property of his trainer Nigel Nunes. **Balladier** had become

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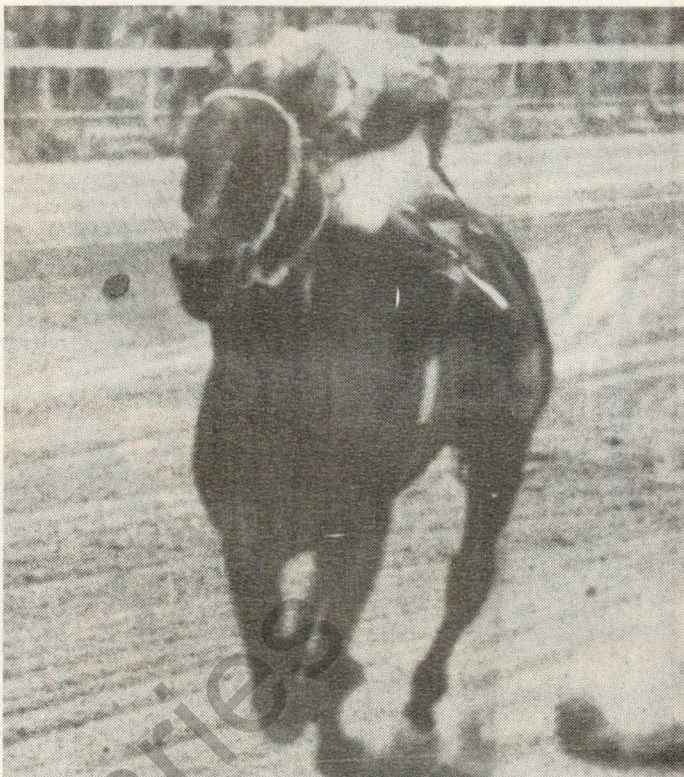
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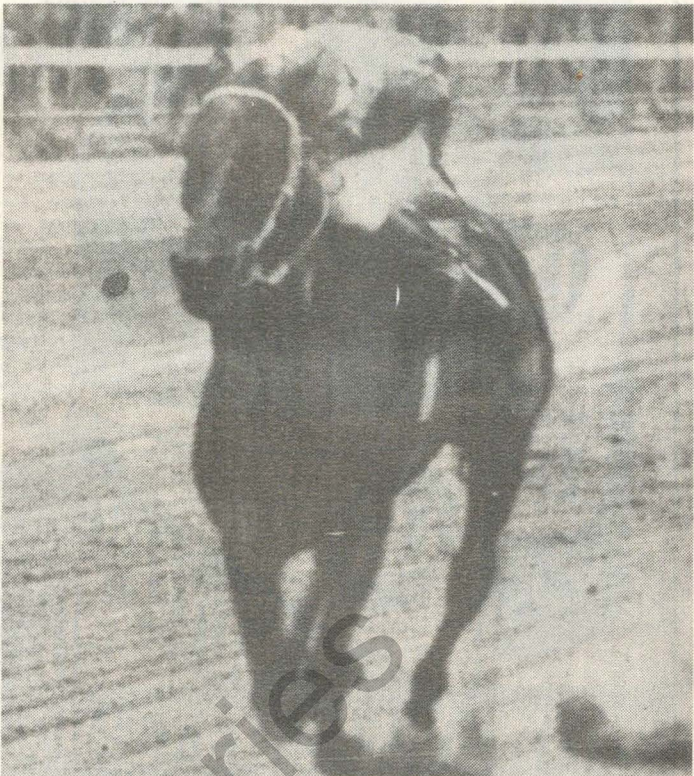
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Trinidad's World Cup bid

Should Trinidad and Tobago cross the second hurdle against Surinam in the World Cup soccer preliminaries, this new republic would erupt just like how the country's resources are booming.

Rich in oil, sugar and asphalt, Trinidad and Tobago are going all out to win a berth among the final 16 places for the grand final which takes place in Argentina in 1978. With Guyana, Barbados and Jamaica out, Trinidad and Tobago remain the only English speaking Caribbean island still in the running.

And don't doubt it. They have a splendid chance of qualifying as the CONCACAF zone representatives. Some questionable decision in the last preliminaries in Haiti in 1973 robbed Trinidad and Tobago of a place in the grand final in the 1974 tournament which was played in West Germany.

The team from the land of the humming bird were flying high in that tournament and scored three genuine goals against the home team. But two were disallowed by a Canadian referee. He was fired from the referee's panel as Haiti went on to win by a 2-1 margin and earned the right to play in the finals in Munich.

The "Papadoc" boys gave some disappointing performances and it was not surprising that they finished at the bottom rung of their group.

This year Trinidad and Tobago have already won their first round group preliminary against Barbados. It took a third match to decide the winners which Trinidad and Tobago won 3-1 to finish with a 5-3 goal aggregate. The teams were locked 2-2 after the return game in the home and away tie.

Trinidad and Tobago now have to beat their Dutch neighbours Surinam to qualify as one of the six nations for the CONCACAF finale. The teams meet on

By Rudy Ragbir

November 14 in Paramaribo and November 28 at Queen's Park Oval.

The Surinamese made several efforts to play the first match away from home because of renovation work to their national stadium. That is that they are still claiming. As a result, the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) governing body for world soccer, had join in the fray and set the new dates.

It's always a problem when Surinam have to play against Trinidad and Tobago.

In the last World Cup prelims in 1973, the Dutch team forfeited their home match and played both in Trinidad. They lost 2-3 on goal aggregate, which caused quite a stir when they returned home. The Surinam football board was taken to task but it was not their fault. The facilities there were not up to international standard at the time, because of continuous rain.

The Trinidad and Tobago Football Association are spending a lot of money in a determined bid to qualify. Not to forget the technical men who are working feverishly to get the squad razor sharp for the encounters against Surinam.

The TTFA have brought down ten of their overseas based professionals from New York and are paying them some attractive salaries.

For example — players like Everard Cummings, Steve David, Selris Ki Figaro, Warren Archibald and Leroy De Leon to name a few — collect a packet of 1,500 (TT) per month in addition to match bonus and other fringe benefits.

The expenses of the association are higher as most of the pros return to New York as soon as a match is completed to either continue their studies or their contract with their American clubs.

The chances of the Trinidad and Tobago team are very rosy. Should they get past Surinam, this soccer crazy island with a population of just over one million, will do everything to better their previous performance in the last CONCACAF final when they finished runners-up to Haiti.

The style of the Latin American countries is entirely different to Trinidad's who employ a stereotype plan to that used by English teams. This of course is due to warm up matches against such clubs. Whatever the system, as long as Trinidad and Tobago qualify they will

be a force to be reckoned with. And should they make the last 16 for Argentina, it's a good guess as to what would happen when the times comes to honour the footballers.

Hasley Crawford for becoming the first Trinidadian to win a gold medal at an Olympics put Trinidad and Tobago on the world map. That triumph in the 100 metres encouraged the Government to allocate 100 million for the development of sports.

Will it be a national stadium that is still eagerly awaited by the sporting public? We will have to wait and see.

CRICKET JOKES WITH SILLY MID-ON

Every cricketer has heard about the one-legged fast bowler, or about the one-armed wicket-keeper, or about the one-eyed batsman with the "two-eyed" stance, or about the blind player who was a fast "bailer", or about some crazy team-mate who was mad about the game, but let me tell you about an incident that took place when we journeyed to the lunatic Asylum for our annual encounter.

Don't let duppy delude you, there were a few firstclass cricketers in that institution and, they may have been mad but they were not fools, as our Skipper was soon to find out to his everlasting memory.

What got into his head I will never know — probably the environment of the place — to unnecessarily tease their star batsman that he would get him out for "ducks". In those days at the Asylum, many came in to bat with no pads and no boots, so right away we have the setting for what I am about to describe!

One wicket down and in came the Asylum's star. Our Skipper immediately took the ball and with his first delivery he hit the batsman on the big toe. Who told him to shout a silly question like: "How's that" I'll never know. "Out" replied the umpire.

If our illustrious Captain had left well alone and permitted the disappointed man to leave with his bleeding and painful toe, this little anecdote would never have been told. But NO! Our leader had to remind the batsman of his boast. That was more than any sane man could take much less an insane one. The man turned around and grabbed one of the stumps and our Skipper was last seen scaling the dildo fence into Windward Road, madly pursued by a bleeding big toe attached to an infuriated giant with murderous intent.

To this day we could never understand why our beloved Captain was always ill whenever we played against "The Asylum". Can you?

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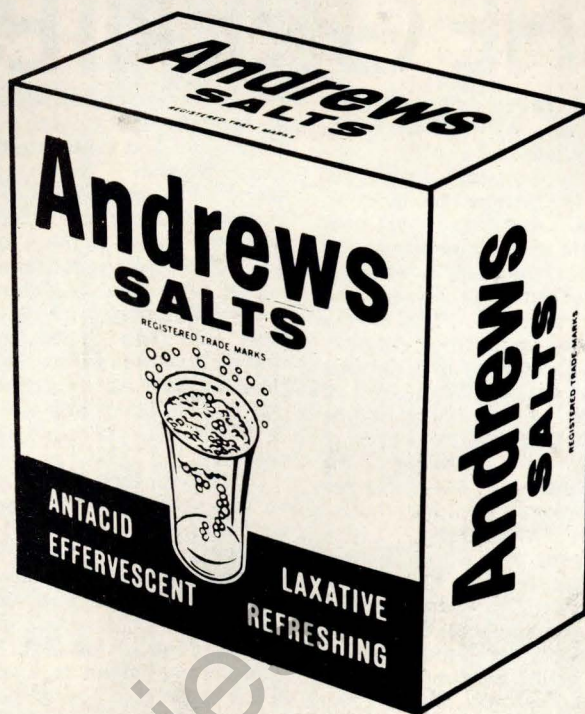
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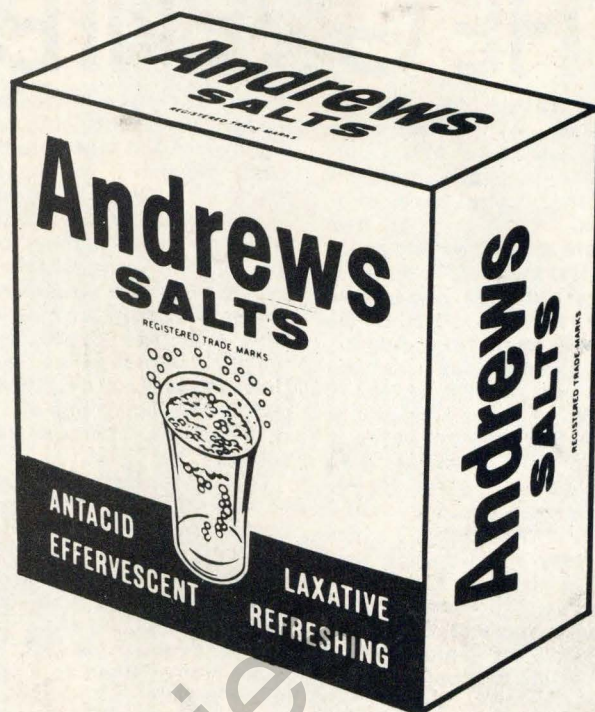
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THE GREATEST!

BY TONY BECCA

He called himself the greatest. At the beginning many laughed at him. In the end he proved himself not only the greatest boxer of all times, but the greatest athlete as well as one of the greatest men ever to walk the face of the earth. As one man said recently: "He is the greatest man since Adam".

Muhammad Ali, two time Heavyweight Champion of the World, has all the claims to be the greatest boxer of them all despite the brilliance of such former champions as Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.

Once upon a time when heavyweights were mostly vicious punchers, Sugar Ray Robinson was rated as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the business. But Ali has put them all in the shade with a technique unequalled in the annals of boxing and punching as lethal as anyone.

His career has been one of startling achievements,

always coming on better than the time before, bringing new dimensions and craft into the sport which continually leaves the experts dumbfounded. So often has it been said that he is nothing but mouth, that he cannot take a punch, that age is against him and his legs and hands have lost their speed, and that his time has come. Each time he rises above all and picks off his opponents as if it is the easiest thing in the world.

Of Ali it can be truly be said he had no greatest moment, no crest of achievement. It is a string of brilliant performances, all worthy of the spotlight. Louis fans will forever talk of the Max Schmelling duels or the night he came from behind to knock out Billy Conn in spectacular fashion, while Marciano's fan club will preach about the battles with Ezzard Charles.

Once you get into the great moments of Muhammad Ali it goes on and on like a never

ending river. The fights pop up, each rivalling the other. How can anyone compare muchless put it in the right perspective, the dramatic finish of Sonny Liston when Ali captured the coveted title, the showdown in Kinshasa with George Foreman, or the Thriller in Manila with the old foe Joe Frazier?

Ali must be the greatest, the man who brought technical skill and grace to heavyweight boxing along with the power punch in a beautiful combination which allied with his superb brain gave him the championships when the odds were against him and 10 years later won it back in almost identical fashion except with a completely different style.

Ali and boxing go hand in hand more than any other man and any other sport, more than Bradman and cricket, Babe Ruth and baseball, Jesse Owens and athletics and Pele and football.

But Ali's greatness transcends the boxing ring, as a man he stood among the very best and there may be truth in his boast that he is the most popular man in the world. He always made good his boasts.

Muhammad Ali came up from Louisville, Kentucky, as a bright star, promising not only to be the champion of the world but to be boxing's biggest attraction. He promised to bring back the glamour of the Louis era, to be the saviour of the square jungle.

In no time, as he fought and talked and won, he became known as the "Louisville Lip". People flocked wherever he fought to see the lip closed but there was always a small band to witness the artistry he was beginning to unfold.

The man who calls himself the prettiest fighter of them all, picked up laurels as an amateur in 1960 when he won the US National AAU light-

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heavyweight championship, the National Golden Gloves heavyweight title, and the Olympic light-heavyweight title. Then he turned pro and headed for the bright lights, fame and fortune.

After many victories, the 'brash' young kid talked his way to a crack at the heavyweight title owned by the hard-punching Sonny Liston. "The bear", he said, could not find him muchless hit him. Many laughed, but the fight was on, mostly to see the lip closed once and for all. Those who waited and hoped are still waiting.

In 1964, in one of the biggest recorded upsets of all time, he destroyed the fearsome Liston in seven rounds to become the champion of the world, brushed him aside and into oblivion in round one the next year and went his merry way as the colourful champion.

Poetry flowed from his lips in prophetic fashion as he took on all comers, sometimes stopping them in the prophesied round.

Flowing Grace

He carved out victories, not with the accustomed power of the heavyweights, but with the easy, flowing grace of the artist as he danced on speedy legs, flashing his fists with the speed of blinking eye-lids, and punishing his opponents with piston-like jabs. He was "floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee".

Soon the champion spread his wings in the fight for his race as he stepped out the ring and faced the stiff opposition of the American Government over his refusal to be inducted into the army where he might end up being sent to Vietnam to fight against a people with whom, as the champion said, "I have no quarrel".

For three years the man who was christened Cassius Marcellus Clay fought the hardest battle of his career as he took on great political importance, was stripped of his title and became more than a boxing idol. He had stepped into the breach on their behalf. In the end he won and returned as "the people's champion".

In a bid to regain his title he

dropped a split decision to Frazier. The writing seemed on the wall. But the best was yet to come.

Frazier, on an early Jamaican morning, was smashed to the canvass six times by Foreman and lost the baubles. Once again Ali was faced with another murderous puncher, a young, big man, and the odds piled up against him. They said he was old and his slowed-up movements would leave a sitting duck for the man six years younger who knew not what it was to lose. Ali said he would teach him and he did.

Contrary to the style he used to take out the heavy puncher Liston 10 years earlier, Ali rode the ropes in what he called the rope-a-dope, forced Foreman to punch himself out as he came off the ropes at well-timed intervals to sting with powerful jabs. In another great upset, once again rated as one of the most surprising in history, he decked Foreman in round seven with a flurry of punches, the sleeper being a swinging right to the chin. The king was back.

Ali had made many eat their words in his greatest hour, at least one of them. But there was still a jewel to come, the third and final clash with Frazier.

In Manila 1975 in what he has been described as the fight of all time, Ali stopped Smokin Joe in a bruising duel. He had surpassed himself again, there was no ceiling to his performance.

Right now the champion ponders retirement, whether he goes or not there will never be another like him. He brought new horizons to the sport, he fought for millions and made big paydays even for champions.

Muhammad Ali, the boxer, the Black Muslim, the Poet Laureate. People rush to see him box particularly when he chimes in with: "I'm fearless, I wrestle with an alligator, I fussle with a whale. The other day I murdered a rock, I injured a stone".

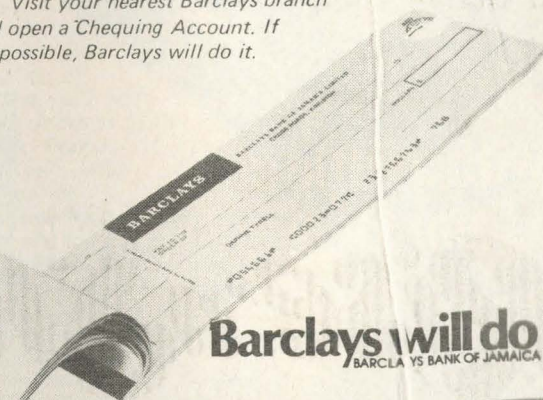
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He is very smart. Some say he is the smartest thing around. He punches consistently well with both hands and he puts his combinations nicely together. At the age of 21 he is the brightest boxing hope in the land.

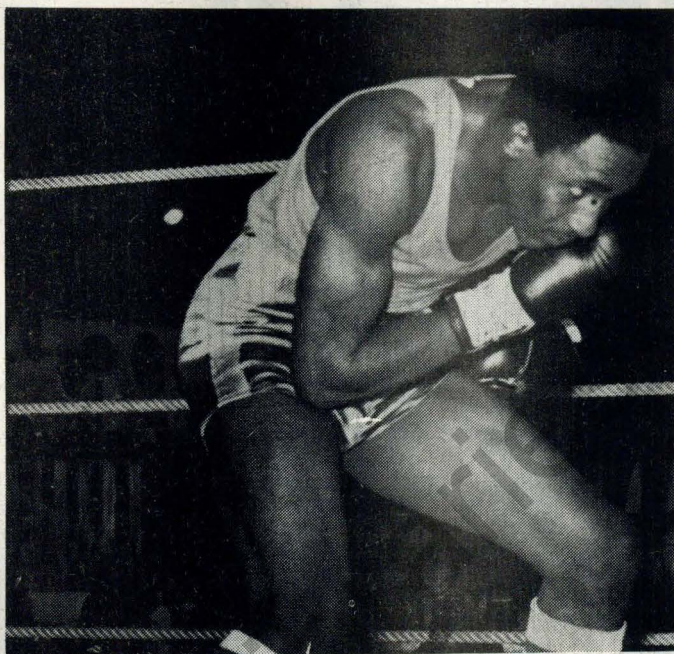
As Jamaican boxers trade punches with the best in the region in the Central American and Caribbean Boxing Championships, all eyes will turn to Michael McCallum, the quiet, modest welterweight champion, the man with the best chance of finding gold in a field which includes such prospectors as the mighty Cubans.

After four years in the ring, Michael McCallum is at the top of his trade but seill on the trail hunting further glory for himself and his country. In international contests he boasts two bronze, two silver and two gold medals. But he is not satisfied, he is gunning for the big ones — gold in the CAC Champs, the Olympics and the World Champs.

Coming out of the Dragon Gym and the guidance of Austin "Kid Peely" Taffe and the final touch of national coach Emelio Sanchez, McCallum got the ring fever in 1972. And after many hours at the skipping rope, the medicine board and the punching bag he has left a trail of invincibility on the local scene. After 38 fights he has lost only nine, all in international matches outside of Jamaica.

In 1972, his first year on the road, McCallum won the national welterweight title and since then the man who fights at 147 and 147½ lbs has ruled the roost unchallenged to become the most respected and popular amateur in the country.

Between then and now, despite the glitter of such pros as Bunny Grant and Percy Hayles, McCallum has held his own in the boxing fraternity reeling off success



after success as the Jamaica flag flutters proudly wherever he goes.

In his first outing in November 1973 at the CAC Games in Mexico City he won a bronze medal before losing to Cuba's Victor Corana in the semi-finals. It was a signal of things to come and just as he had set a hot pace when he won the national title at his first attempt, he had once again moved off at a gallop.

At the CAC boxing championships in Santo Domingo in March 1974 his beautiful combination punching and quick assessment of fighters and the situation pushed him nearer towards his aim of gold when he defeated the Bahamas' Gary Davis and Venezuela's Pedro Rojas before losing in the final to Cuba's Emelio Corrio. McCallum was a bit disappointed but his handlers consoled him. After all, he had gone from bronze to silver and had only lost to the man who six months later

was to become the world champion.

For McCallum, the 1974 World Championships in August with a man who was to have the better of him on two occasions was a bitter blow. After eyeing the gold medal with an air of confidence, the Jamaican defeated Roy Kaba of Ghana and Istvan Kovac of Hungary in fine style and seemed set for more honours — the elusive gold. But in the quarter-finals he came face to face with America's Clinton Jackson who stopped him in round two and left him for the first time without a medal.

One year later he met the man Jackson again, this time in a contest for the gold medal. After taking out Fernando DeLeon of Guatemala when the referee stopped the bout in round one, McCallum met Jackson in the final but again the American proved too much and the Jamaican had to settle for his second silver.

In the next six months

McCallum picked up a bronze and a gold. At the regional championships in Guatemala he defeated Jose Maria Jozo of Cuba and Ezequiel Ovando of Costa Rica to win the bronze before losing to Venezuela's Pedro Gamarro in the semis.

If you should ask him, Michael McCallum will tell you that one of his greatest moments came in February at the National Arena when amidst a Cuban onslaught he pulled out his best to beat Jozo for the second time to give Jamaica their only victory in the two-nation tournament as the crowd rose to him.

Later that month he showed the power of his punches when he stopped Jeff Nelson of Miami in round two and Julio Echazara of Puerto Rico in round three to win the gold at the Florida and Caribbean Golden Gloves Championships. He was ready for his attempt at the Olympic gold.

This was the disappointment of all. After a devastating display against Germany's Reinhard Shricek, a display which saw him as the winner in the eyes of all those at ringside, the referee raised the hands of the German to signal defeat for the Jamaican in the quarter-finals. It caused confusion all around, leading to the suspension of the referee. But the decision stood and McCallum was left with an unfulfilled dream — the Olympic medal.

Now all eyes turn to the CAC champs at the National Arena where nothing but the top prize will satisfy the little artist as he goes for Corrio and the crown which rests on the world champion's head.

He carries almost all the hopes of Jamaicans and the odds that he will be too smart, too consistent and too good for the champions from the region.



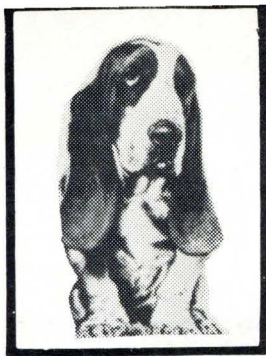
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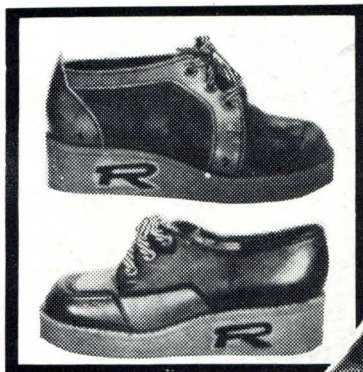
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