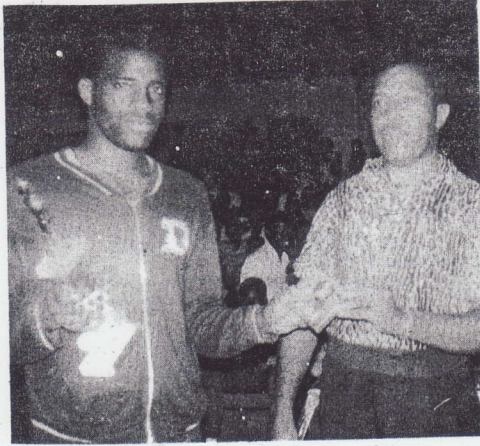


DUNLOP'S FORWARD IS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Mayor Loyd Coffin presents Buller with M. V. P. trophy.

Leslie - Sunday, May 9:

Twenty one year old Gilroy Buller, 6-footer center-forward for the prize winning Dunlop Basketball team, was tonight named "Most Valuable Player" of the 1971 CYO Basketball Season.

Buller, who led his team through stiff competition to the 1971 championship, received two trophies - one for Most Valuable Player, and the other for playing on the winning team. A second year student at St. John's College, Gilroy Buller is also in his second year as a senior player.

This year's award was determined from re-

ports of each player's performance, his sportsmanship, good conduct and team work on the basketball court.

In the Junior League Eric Gladden of Old Parr received the accolade "Most Valuable Player".



Eric Gladden

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1971 Champions Lose on Basketball First Night

The 1971 basketball tournament started on Friday, Feb. 19, with disappointment for both the senior and junior champions of the 1970 season.

In the senior division Carnation defeated 1970 league champs ASC by a score of 63 to 58. In the junior division Old Parr, the 1970 junior champs, lost to Bucks.

Police Invaders may be good in football, but in basketball they proved no match for Dunlop in the senior game of Sunday



SONNY MEIGHAN AND COMMABATCH GO UP FOR A REBOUND IN SENIOR GAME



BUCKS AND OLD PARR TUSSELE FOR CONTROL OF THE BALL IN JUNIOR GAME

night when they were defeated 52 to 35. In the junior division, Philips Supersonics licked SJC Piranhas 42 to 10.

On Wednesday night, Telstar defeated Lakers 42 to 28, in the junior division. In the senior division, ASC beat Pamela's Braves 59 to 44.



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OLD PARR 1971 JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

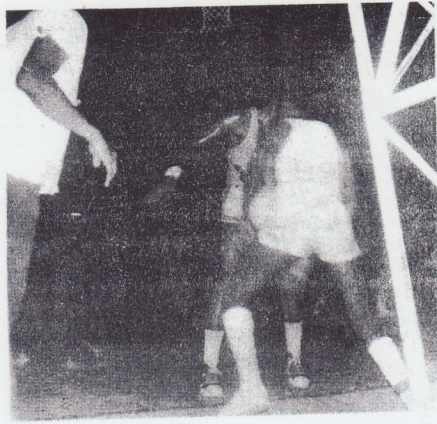
Wed., April 28

As the score board at St. Ignatius Basketball Stadium sounded the alarm for the end of the game between Old Parr and Philip's Supersonics, it also heralded Old Parr as champions of the Junior Division of the 1971 C. Y. O. Basketball Tournament.

Through 40 minutes of gruelling play in the presence of a capacity audience, Old Parr outplayed and outscored its rival and emerged the victor by a score of 35-29.

The two teams had to play a 3-game playoff for the championship after each won its respective league, Old Parr the Independence League and Philip's the National League.

On Friday night Old Parr had defeated Supersonics,



Old Parr's Coburn stops Supersonics' Savery from shooting

DUNLOP 41, A.S.C. 35

Wed., April 28

Amateur Sporting Club, 1970 champions last night tasted bitter defeat in the first game of a three-team playoff for the Senior title in which A. S. C., Dunlop and Carnation are matching

but on Sunday Supersonics evened up the score.

basketball skill against each other. Dunlop "dribbled rings" around the old champs and defeated them by a score of 41-35 points.

On Friday night A. S. C. will have a chance to get back into the race when they meet Carnation.

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THE REPORTER

Parr becomes 1972 champ

Monday, April 10:

The cheering could have been heard for blocks around Sunday night when Old Parr in five minutes of extra time eked out a point lead over Belize Global to become the new champion of the 1972 CYO Basketball Tourney.

Old Parr, up from the junior ranks of the 1971 season was the odds-on favourite, and it needed Sunday night's game to keep Dunlop, last year's senior champion, at bay. The fans delighted in the superb dribbling and marksmanship. Old Parr took a firm lead and had its forwards dashing in with vigorous offensives against the solid defence of the Global men.

But Old Parr slowed up somewhat in the se-

cond half, and this gave to stable Global the respite it needed. Relentlessly the travel men moved in and in short order had Old Parr reeling from a five point lead.

The big Cumberbatch, exerting himself like a man inspired, closed the gap and with sixteen seconds to go, sank the crucial shot that tied the score at 40-40.

The score is now 40-40, and there are only fourteen and a half seconds of play left. Then oh . . . oh! Rodriguez of Global commits a foul, and Old Parr gets a free shot. Now there are only nine seconds to go. The foul shot arches . . . and misses. Cumberbatch is there to grab the rebound. He leaps and shoots, but he also misses. This time Freddie Evans gains control and quick as a flash

he speeds towards the Parr basket. He does a fast dribble and then shoots. The ball sails towards the basket. It bounces on the iron rim. It is going in. . . Wait! Out it comes and the shrill of the final whistle is heard even above the screams.

In the extra five minutes of play-off Old Parr scored four baskets while Belzie Global scored three. Then Old Parr was awarded two foul shots, both of which were neatly used to build the score to 50-46, favour of Old Parr.

In the junior game Sunday night Belize Industrial Gas defeated Eagles, also in five minutes of extra play-off time. The scores: BIG 35; Eagles 34. BIG is now in line, along with Bullets, to make a bid for the Championship of the Junior League.

MIGHTY MILPORT HAS FALLEN GUINNESS IS 1972 SOFTBALL CHAMPION

Sunday, April 9:

Softball fans went wild this evening at Rogers Stadium when at the last possible instant a Guinness batter snatched a sensational victory from the very jaws of defeat in what has become the most memorable softball game of the season.

Some softball patrons were already thinking about the walk home when a loud crack electrified the stadium. It came at the bottom of the seventh innings. Two players were out and two more were languishing on second and third. Milport's pitcher, Isoleen Heath, stood poised and confident. Ruby Goff, the batter, didn't allow her eyes to flicker from the ball in Heath's hand. Then Isoleen Heath unleashed one of her sizzling fast balls. It rocketed towards home plate with

uncanny accuracy. And do you know what happened? Crack! Goff connected with a terrific double into left field, bringing in the winning runs.

Isoleen Heath, despite

her fine pitching, had to take the loss. Judith Lynch however deserved to win. She held the Milport big bats at bay with superb pitching which yielded only one run in the fifth innings.

TICKER-TAPE BELIZE STYLE BELIZE WELCOMES SPORTS TEAM

BELIZE CITY devised its own brand of ticker tape reception for the victorious softball team and the rest of the sports contingent returning from the Caribbean and Latin American games in Santo Domingo.

Children lining the streets, released from

dance sequence which with the aid of four drummers, three singers and 16 dancers he unfolded before the unbelieving eyes of the returning players.

"Yu saved the day; Yu paved the way" they sang as the dancers zipped about, batting, slipping into bases and catching their ima-

"old girls" of St. Hilda's.

On its way from the Airport the motorcade stopped at the entrance to the city, where a platform and a country-wide radio hook-up awaited the sportsmen. The Minister of Local Government and Sports, Hon. Alan Arthurs was on hand, of course and so was the

MYVETT IS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

The year's coveted trophy for the Most Valuable Player of the CYO season went to 24 year old Bob Myvett, Captain of the Coke Team and popularly known as "Mr. Basketball". His team was the only team able to stand up to Old Parr, which swept the Senior competition with one solitary set-back which was handed to them by Coke.

Bob Myvett began playing competition basketball in 1968 with a junior team called Raiders. Raiders took second place that year and in the year following went on to play advanced basketball with the seniors. Raiders changed its name to Carnation, under which name it dominated basketball for a couple of seasons. Last year the Carnation team broke up, and Bob Myvett put together a team of his own - Coke, which apart from its one brilliant game with Old Parr, did not make an impressive showing.

The award Best Rookie of the Year went to E. Coburn of Old Parr. This uncanny sharp-shooter was responsible for many of the Parr victories.

Miss Brenda Johnson, distinguished softball player, distributed the trophies to the junior winners and Mr. Derek Rogers of the Family Guardian Insurance Com-

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MYVETT IS MOST
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pany handed out the trophies to the senior winners.

In an exhibition game that went along with the prize-giving an All Star team defeated Old Parr 71 - 69, but not before



exhausting fifteen minutes of extra playing time.



THE SUCCESS OF THE SOFTBALL TEAM IN SANTO DOMINGO FIRED PEOPLE'S IMAGINATION AS FEW EVENTS HAVE DONE. HERE MISS LINDA LEWIS, STAR PERFORMER, RECEIVES A SPECIAL BOUQUET EXPRESSING THE JOY OF A GRATEFUL CITY.

school to take part in the welcome, threw flowers and confetti and rice - yes they threw precious rice at the returning heroines to signify their joy in the fact that Belize had brought home a gold medal - the first ever.

In the history of Belize sports there was never anything quite like the spontaneous outburst of sentiment - pride and camaraderie for a job well done. Neither was there ever such a welcome for any local personality.

Poet Chronicler and choreographer Bob Reneau, acting with swift inspiration, composed a song and

-ginary ball in hectic pantomime. And the chorus:

"Trow the ball Linda;

Strike dem out.

Pitch the ball, Linda;

Pitch dem out."

Some five hundred fans had gone to the Airport to see their heroes in and as the motorcade neared the city the numbers of welcome swelled to thousands. As the growing caravan passed St. Hilda's College, a group of students sealed off the street, halted the motorcade and presented two bouquets, one for Linda Lewis, the precocious pitcher; the other for Noreen Bodden, the competent team captain, both of them

Mayor, Mr. Lloyd Coffin, looking slightly scuffed in his khaki fatigues and his Cuban cap.

The crowds heard speeches from 4 members of the team - from Mr. Ned Pitts, Mr. Leslie Isaacs, Mr. Gilmore Hinkson and Mrs. Noreen Bodden, Captain of the softball team.

"They have given us the inspiration to become more confident in ourselves and in our country," Pitts told his audience. "We are happy to have the team back home with us in one piece".

And so say all 'a wee.

TRINIDAD'S GUISSIPPI K.O.'S MENDEZ IN FIFTH

Sunday, March 25:

Mario Mendez of Yucatan has no answer to the lethal chopping blow of Fitzroy Guisippi of Trinidad who used this weapon to lay Mendez low this afternoon at Bird's Isle.

Mendez gave good account of himself all the way up the decisive fifth round, fighting four pounds lighter than Guisippi and leading with an effective south-paw. Guisippi was strong and quick to press his advantage. He used his extra weight to full advantage, forcing Mendez to support his weight and working so hard in the clinches that Referee Henry Yearwood had to physically separate them.

During a flurry in the fifth round Guisippi kept on mauling Mendez until he toppled. Mendez took the eight count and got up fighting but was knocked down again. A second time he got up and tried to make a go at it. After Guisippi tagged him for the third knockdown all the fight drained out of Mendez and the referee counted him out.

In the two semi-finals preceding the main feature Frank "Tic-Tac" Humes wangled a split decision over Mexico's Antonio Mai and Dennis White defeated Quito Olivares, this by unanimous decision.

FOOTBALL

The Queen's Park Rangers of Stann Creek covered themselves with glory last Sunday afternoon when they outplayed the battling Avengers of San Ignacio two goals to one in a thrilling encounter that had fans cheering hoarsely.

Stann Creek scored first during the opening half and the implacable Avengers, evened this up during the opening minutes of the second. The tension on the ensuing deadlock built up steadily until five minutes before the final whistle when the Rangers managed to elude the Avenger defence squad and pressing an attack, penetrated once more the Avenger goal.

SOFTBALL

Also over the week-end Layolans deflated the ego of high-flying Guiness by taking the country-wide knockout champions nine runs to three in the first game of the Belize City competition. In the second game Milport walloped Berger 303 12-7.

There is still lots of time for come-backs however since each time will play each adversary five times.

BASKETBALL

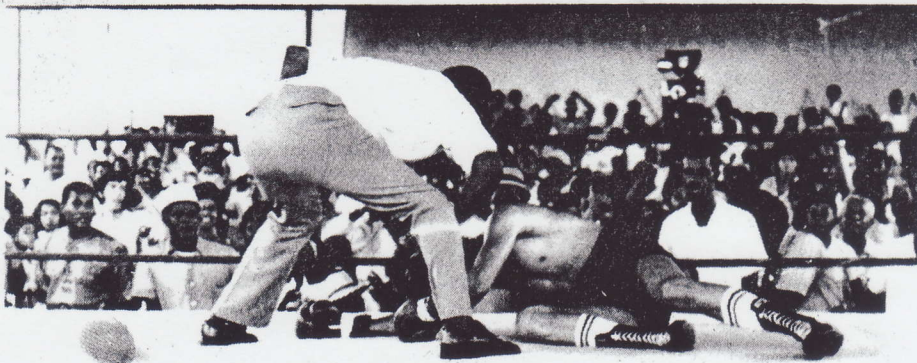
Baygon is leading in the senior basketball tourney, having won three games and lost one. In the week-end game Baygon got another crack at ASC and edged it out 46-44.

Baygon is followed closely by Old Parr last year's champion, which has also won three games but lost two.

HORSE RACING

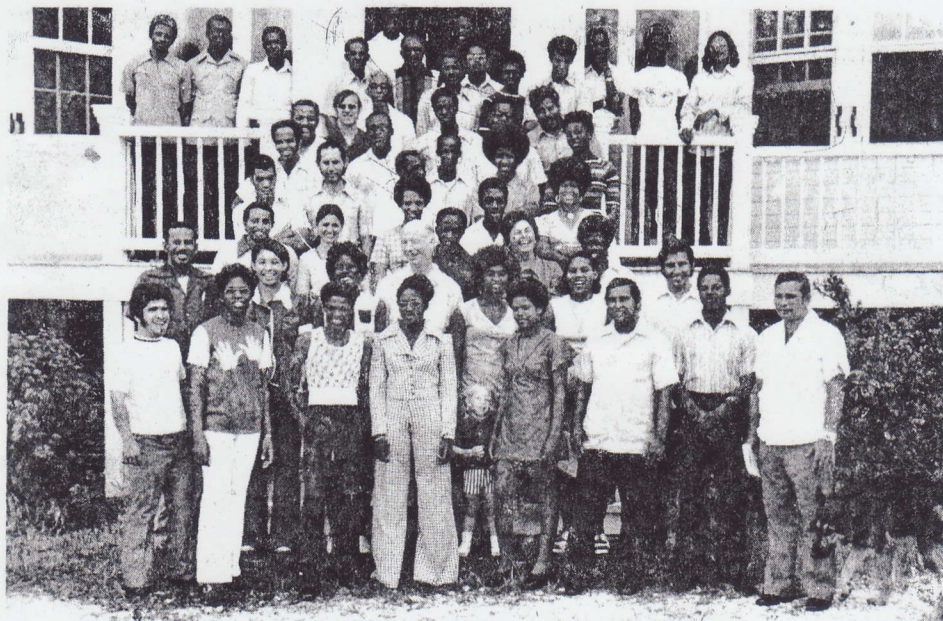
The Orange Walk Jockey Club presented a modest race meet at the Santiago Castillo Stadium last Sunday, but the big race - the Mile between Spellbreaker and Lady Alice is being disputed by Lady Alice's owner, C. Mossiah. The judges awarded the race to Spell-breaker.

In the five furlong event Lady Alice



The third knock-down took all the steam out of Mario Mendez of Merida. He just rolled over and went to sleep. Earlier Mario had given good account of himself, but three knock-downs in a single round was just too much.

BIGGEST SPORTS TEAM OFF TO SAN. DOMINGO



Governor Mr. Richard Posnett and Mrs. Posnett gave the Belize sporting contingent for the Santo Domin-

go games an enthusiastic send-off from Government House last Sunday morning.

Athletes responded warmly to an invitation by Mr. Posnett for pictures and a drink before taking off for their tests of skill against athletes of international stature in Santo Domingo.

The first game, a softball contest between Belize and the Virgin Islands

set for Thursday afternoon was rained out and in the basketball game against Cuba, Cuba walked away from the local side with a score of 169 to 37, while a full stadium of 10,000 spectators looked on.

Not all the athletes could respond to the Governor's invitation but the picture above shows most of the athletes and their managers.

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ever since and possibly will continue until the two men square off again in the ring. This will be on May 6 according to a spokesman from Young's Enterprise.

FOOTBALL:

At MCC Grounds Sunday afternoon Stann Creek defeated Orange Walk one-nil in an exciting game. The first half was scoreless but early in the second half Don Deleno of Stann Creek pushed a pass over to Garcia who scored it.

Orange Walk tried with great skill and persistence to even up, but failed. It was a fine game - well played.

LAKERS WIN

In San Ignacio at the Broaster Stadium Berger Lakers of Belize defeated the San Ignacio Avengers 2-1.

Glenford Wagner got an early goal to put Lakers ahead. He scored in the second half to confirm matters. Avengers scored once through Azueta but failed to even up.

ERROR

The Reporter describing last week-end's game between Landivar and Toyota erred in placing Ferguson on the Landivar team. Both Ferguson and Young, the two men sent off the field in the Landivar - Cruisers' game are from Toyota Cruisers.

SOFTBALL:

At Rogers Stadium Camay had an easy game with Loyolans in the ladies' Country-wide Knock-Out competition, scoring 12 runs on nine hits. Loyolans scored seven runs on six hits.

BASKETBALL:

Baygon edged out defending champions, Old Parr in what was perhaps the most exciting senior game of the season last Friday night. The game had to go into extra time to break a tie, and in the end Baygon eked out a one-point lead to win.

V. Hewitt top-scored for Baygon with 14 points. Old Parr's top scorer was H. Bradley with 13 points.

In other games S. J. C. Bucks outgunned Nescafe 31 - 27; Customs outplayed Royals 41 - 34.

TENNIS

This week-end a team of tennis players will be arriving from Belmopan for a number of matches against a Belize City side at the Pickwick Club court.

Players from all over will meet at 7 p. m. Sunday night for a meeting aimed at reviving the British Honduras Lawn Tennis Association.

RUGBY

The Belize Rugby team which visited Mexico last week-end did not bring back any silver trophies, but was well on its way to becoming finalist until it met the Reforma Club's "A" Team. Reforma A with her formidable players dominated the game by keeping the Belize side scoreless; but Belize by sheer tenacity and good anticipation confined the Reforma A's to a modest 16 points for the whole game.

Belize first met the Reforma C club and won handily with a score of 14-4; then went on to meet the Ex-Pumas of Argentina, and took that team for a 18-6 ride. This second win gave Belize a crack at the finals where it met the Reforma A.

The Army started out fine, pitting their skill and experience against the fitness, speed and vigour of a French High School team. This game was the most exciting of the series perhaps, in which the Army equalized at the last minute and went on to win 18-14 during extra time. The Army succumbed to a senior French team however and then bowed again to a good University of the Americas team.

Playing 7,000 feet above sea-level had its painful effects upon both teams from Belize. The tournament had been arranged so that both a winners' team and a loser's league emerged, ensuring that each team played at least two times. There were eleven teams and Belize had been seeded third while the Army had been seeded second.

Players on their return spoke of the fabulous hospitality of their hosts, the Mexicans, and say they look forward to being able to entertain their hosts at some future time with comparable enthusiasm.

CYCLING:

An engrossing cyclists track meet at the National Stadium Sunday afternoon established Ken Halliday and Anthony Hutchingson as the top men in the A Class division and Anthony McNab and Alfred Parks as the two young men to watch in the B division.

Young McNab took first place in the single lap and the double lap races and

came close on the heels of Alfred Parks for the four-lap race for B. Class riders. Belize Insurance Center, who promoted McNab for the week-end trials, is backing him to win the Holy Saturday Cross Country race.

Ken Halliday and Anthony Hutchingson traded honours among A. Class riders. Halliday took the single lap and the four lap races with Anthony Hutchingson in hot pursuit. In the double lap it was Hutchingson who won with Halliday in hot pursuit.

Otto Smith dominated the C. Class by taking the single, double and four-lap races. Rene Gordon came in second on the double lap and four-lap contest.