

Sports LINE

NFL tickets hot Baltimore item

A week after beginning a 60-day marketing campaign to impress the league, the most expensive seats in Baltimore's proposed football stadium are sold out and the cheapest seats are selling fast, organizers said.

However, Maryland Stadium Authority Chairman Herbert Belgrad would not give specific numbers. Belgrad is coordinating the campaign to bring an NFL franchise to Baltimore.

OBIT: Ben Chapman, who played alongside Ruth in the New York Yankees outfield in the 1930s and was the first American Leaguer to bat in an All-Star game, died yesterday at his home in the Birmingham suburb of Hoover. An apparent heart attack claimed his life at age 84.

Chapman was noted for standing his ground against an aging Babe Ruth and was one of Jackie Robinson's greatest tormentors when baseball's color barrier came tumbling down.

DICKERSON TRADE: After waiting a week for Al Davis' approval, the Atlanta Falcons completed a trade with the Los Angeles Raiders for Eric Dickerson, the NFL's No. 2 career rusher with 13,168 yards in return for Dickerson, the Raiders get a conditional sixth-round choice in the 1994 draft.

BOXING: WBC heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis will fight Tommy Morrison in Las Vegas this fall after canceling plans for a defense against Frank Bruno. Lewis' manager Frank Maloney said the British fighter has agreed to a two-fight deal that will match him against Morrison in October or November and Evander Holyfield next spring.

CYCLING: Mario Cipollini of Italy took the lead in the Tour de France as his GB-MB squad won the fourth-stage team time trial. Cipollini took a six-second lead over Belgium's Wilfried Nelissen, the leader the past two days. GB-MG won the 50-mile time trial in 1 hour, 34 minutes, 10 seconds.

For The Record

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Dionated a Lo per pitcher to Canton Akron of the Eastern League. Recalled Bill Wertz pitcher from Charlotte of the International League.
 MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed Gene Larkin infielder on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Bernardo Brito outfielder from Portland of the Pacific Coast League.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated Matt Nokes catcher from the 15-day disabled list. Sent Gerald Williams outfielder to Columbus of the International League.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
 CINCINNATI REDS—Claimed Scott Service pitcher off waivers from the Colorado Rockies. Placed Kevin Wacker pitcher on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Bill Wertz pitcher from Charlotte of the International League.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Recalled Fred Jones pitcher from Tucson of the Pacific Coast League.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Designated Jimmy Jones pitcher for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Signed A. G. Sweets catcher and assigned him to Rancho Cucamonga of the California League.
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
 MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed Ken No man forward to a two-year contract.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Re-named the rights in Brad Selig and Bob McCann forwards. Waived Lance Blanks player.
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
 DALLAS COWBOYS—Waived Man Sav...
 LOS ANGELES RAMS—Signed Bar...
COLLEGE
 FRANKLIN & MARSHALL—Announced the resignation of Bill O'Connell as coach and women's assistant sports coach.

Where are the blues?

By TOM GOODSPEED
 Capital Outdoors Writer

I keep hearing that schools of 2- to 4-pound bluefish are scattered throughout our mid-bay waters, from the Bay Bridge south. Strangely, I've yet to talk to buddies who have really found these fish, just an

GOODSPEED'S FORECAST

occasional catch — and only a few of those.

Yes, the blues should be moving into our waters by now and we can only hope that they show by this weekend.

The blues definitely are in the lower bay waters but even there they are in scattered schools and until you find such a school, the fishing can be pretty slow.

The current heat wave may bring more blues into the bay but we've got to wait and see.

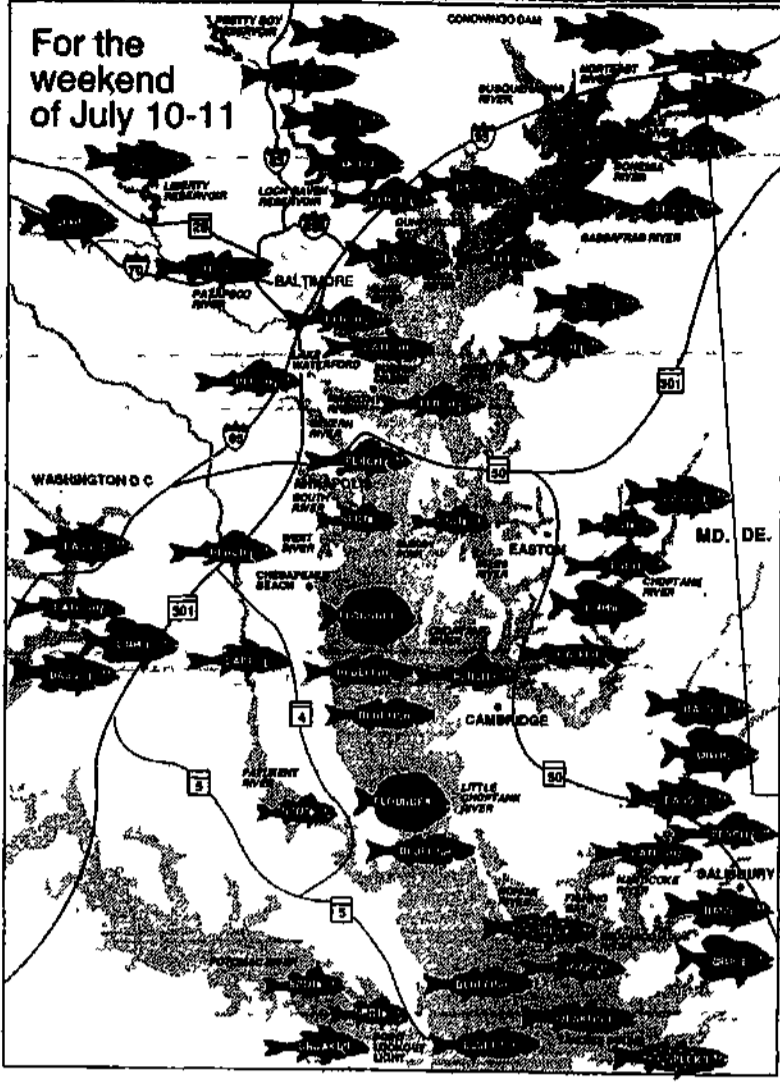
The spot and croakers have now moved into the Eastern Shore mid-bay waters, with catches being made in the Choptank and on up in Eastern Bay.

The spot should be moving into waters in the mouth of South River and I'd certainly suggest giving the No. Six Marker a shot.

The Department of Natural Resources says that some local legal croakers have also appeared in the mid-bay waters — both in the Eastern Bay and down in the mouth of

OUTDOORS

BAY FISHING GUIDE



the Choptank and these could spice the action when fishing for spot.

The usual run of nice weakfish is now underway off of Crisfield. I like the deep waters south of Smith Island, down on the state line, and, of course, the Puppy Hole is always popular. Croakers and flounder are also in good numbers in these same waters

Last week I bass fished the grass flats in the Potomac River downstream from the mouth of the Mattawoman and never had a hit.

There were about 10 trailer rigs parked at Smallwood and another eight across the river at Leesylvania and I never saw any of these boat fishermen into fish.

Just one of those days, I guess

Variety spices up local fishing

Bottom fishing in the lower Chesapeake Bay is now about as good as it will be all year. We have the widest variety of fish with both size and weight near the maximum.

It is now possible for individuals to consistently catch limits of spot, croaker, weakfish and flounder in just one day.

For flounder, I suggest you drift-fish with motor silent and double hooks baited with bloodworm, peeler crab baits and minnows.

At Tangier and Pocomoke Sounds, large numbers of weakfish have moved in off of Crisfield and Deal Island and anglers with crab baits are taking three-pound weakies. Some anglers using peeler baits get limit strings of 20 hardheads over nine inches long. Spot prefer bloodworm baits.

In the Middle Bay, medium to large spot and 9- to 11 inch croakers are now increasing in numbers at the mouth of the Choptank and in Eastern Bay. Black drum from 40 to 80 pounds are still near Poplar and Sharps Island.

ROD AND GUN



By DON CARPENTER

Drifting peeler crab in 20 feet of water have been taking drum.

Schools of 2- to 4-pound bluefish are now scattered down the bay from the bridge to Taylor Island. Trollers are using surgical hose for bluefish. Upper Bay now has 2 to 4 pound bluefish active near Love Point taking red hose or spoons.

White perch are biting near the mouth of the Magothy River. Bay Bridge pilings, Craig Hill Light and 7 Foot Knoll Grass shrimp are the

favored perch bait.

Capt Bill O'Bannon and his mate, Anne, who used to guide on the lower Potomac, are now located on the Florida Keys. He sent pictures of his fast new sea skiff powered with 280 hp.

He says he is limiting out with dolphin and snapper every trip now. You can write him at Box 16, KCB, Fla., 33051.

Maryland's Department of Natural Resources has announced the results of their spring wild turkey harvest in the 14 counties that now hold some 15,999 wild gobblers and 1,326 were legally bagged in 1993.

Turkey hunters in Garrett County were tops with 378. In Allegany the score was 312.

The average weight of a Maryland spring turkey this year was 17 pounds, and about 35 percent were juvenile birds.

Wild turkeys are now an important fast growing game crop here.

RUNNING

Deadline nears for Annapolis Ten Mile Run

Time is running out for those of you interested in participating in the 18th Annapolis Ten Mile Run, on Sunday, Aug. 29.

The maximum number of entrants is 3,500, and applications must be received by Aug. 1. The race usually fills up long before then, and typically draws runners from across the region. There are no race day entries.

The race begins and ends at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, winding through downtown Annapolis, the Naval Academy and parts of St. Margarets, across the Old Severn River Bridge.

The fee is \$20, with the majority of the proceeds going to benefit the Heart Fund of Central Maryland for the children's early detection program. Over the years, the Annapolis Striders have contributed thousands of dollars to this cause.

All finishers will receive a nylon sports bag.

To enter, pick up an entry form at the Athlete's Foot in the Annapolis Mall. Several of the local health clubs also have applications.

For more information, call race director Sue Briers, 721-1442. To volunteer, call Julie Lane, 987-6291. For team entries, contact Bob Field, (202) 268-4334.

Teams are made up of six people, five of whom score. Team awards will be presented to the top two teams in the following categories: Open, Masters, Military, Corporate and Public Safety.

RUNNING



By GABRIELLE DEGROOT

On Saturday, don't miss the John Wall Memorial One-Mile Track Run and Junior Medley, at the Bates Track off Spa Road.

The junior races begin at 6 p.m. sharp, with kids ages 5 and under running 100 meters; ages 6-7, 200 meters; ages 8-9, 400 meters and ages 10-13, 800 meters.

The one-mile adult races will be run in heats according to pace, with the first heat starting at 6:30 p.m.

Race day registration begins at 5 p.m. There is no fee for the Junior Medley runners, fees for the adults are \$3 for Annapolis Striders, and \$4 for all others.

This race is the third meet of the Annapolis Striders Track Series.

Between 50 and 75 kids compete every other week in distances of 50 yards to a mile. The series continues with meets on July 24, Aug. 7 and Aug. 21 at the Bates Track. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the races starting at 6 p.m.

Several mini triathlons will be held around the state this month and next.

The Department of Natural Resources will host the 11th annual

Tuckahoe Triathlon on July 31 at a.m.

The 2-mile run, 10-mile bike and mile canoe race begins and ends Tuckahoe State Park.

Applications can be obtained by calling the park, (410) 634-2810, or writing Tuckahoe State Park, 130 Crouse Mill Road, Queen Anne, MD 21657. Applications must be received by July 28.

On Aug. 21, the "Best of the West" Triathlon, traditionally held in Oakland, will be hosted by New Germany State Park near Grantsville. Distances for the race include a 3-mile swim, a 21-mile bike and a 4.5-mile run.

For more information, call race director Steve Prosser, (301) 891-3315.

Crofton Five Miller, June 28
 Overall men: John Kirkpatrick 29:20, Bill Egan 30:10, Overall women: Pam Heley, 41:15, Mary Grillo 42:20, 23 John Ward, John Mason, Jerry Tolliver 30:30, Ron Mayer, Derek Ammons, Pat Ferrigno 40:49, Gene Adcock, David Hagger, Jim Moul, Ed Lo, 50, Edward Klebe, Peter Salmon-Cox, Dick Miller 60 plus: John Mulqueen, Brad Chapman, Bill Burfison

Crofton Two Miller, June 28
 Overall: Robert Lucke 11:54, Heather Choi 15:11
 Women 13 & under: Brienne Mould
 Women 14 to 19: Kim Isyan
 Women 20 to 29: Wendy VanNest
 Men 30 to 39: Dave Hallor
 Women 40 to 49: Mary Kay Armour
 Men 50 to 59: Don Stinger

UPCOMING RACES
 July 9 — Women's Distance Festival 5K
 Midway, Columbia Mall, Columbia (410) 992-5801 or (410) 994-1998
 July 10 — John Wall Memorial 1M Track Race and Junior Medley Track Series 6 p.m. Bates Track, Annapolis 268-1165
 July 17 — Women's Distance Festival 5K
 Run After the Women 5K 8 and 9 a.m. We Annapolis Elementary School Patti Bambe 26-2274
 August 8 — Dog Days of Summer 8K 8 a.m. Anne Arundel Community College East Scott 28-5011
 August 8 — Women's Distance Festival 5K
 am. Goucher College, Towson (410) 574-4658
 August 28 — 18th Annapolis Ten Mile Run 7:5 a.m. Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium 268-1165
 Fun Runs — Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Anne Arundel Community College track in Arnold, East Scott 268-5011
 Distance Training Runs — Saturdays at 7 a.m. behind the Goble building on Route 450 on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. at Memorial Circle in downtown Annapolis.
 Junior Striders Track Series — Saturdays July 24, August 7 & 21 6 p.m. Bates Track, Annapolis.
 Summer Fun Run Series — Thursdays June 10, August 19 5 p.m. 1M and 4M races. Bates Track, Annapolis.

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No 210 Severna Park Fare \$5.00 round trip* Parking at Gov. Ritchie Hwy. and 101 to Camden Yards. Two trips serve the ballpark. 1st bus leaves 1:15 p.m. before game time. 2nd bus leaves 1:30 p.m. before game time.

No 212 BWI Fare \$5.00 round trip* Parking at BWI. Aviator Blvd. between Camp Meade's 4 and 101. Ten trips serve the ballpark. Service begins 1:00 p.m. before game time. One every 15 MIN. until 2:15 p.m. before game time.

*Pay round trip fare only fare upon boarding. No one-way fares, passes or discounts accepted.

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