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FSNY, WFAN-660 AM
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n (F) 3 caught-stealing.
Graphic Arts 2 (5 inn.)
Istia (H) 3-for-3.
Ilo (H) 2-for-4, 2 RBI.
ns 13, S. Garden 6
Iza (JA) 2-2, 3 RBI.
Izzo (JA) 3-3, 4 RBI.
Stevenson (5 inn.)
Izorro (L) CG, 9 Ks.
Odo (L) 2-for-3, 4 RBI.
Iquez (L) 4 RBI.
1. Randolph 3
MC) 2 hits, 3 RBI.
her (MC) HR, 5 RBI.
1. Boys & Girls 17
rone (M) three hits, three RBI.
onzalez (M) two hits, two RBI.
hl 12, Grady 2
Iacavoli (NU) 3 hits, 4 runs, 5
rsky (NU) one-hitter.
ights 24, John Jay 22
Joseph (PH) 7 RBI, HR.
lor (PH) 4 RBI.
Bronx Science 6
Roa (R) 3-4, HR.
ias (R) WP.
Bay 15, Canarsie 4
erson (SB) four hits.
dman (SB) HR.
Spence 5
(SA) 3-4.
(SA) WP, complete game
Prep 12, St. John's Prep 0
Evitt (SF) 3-hitter, 12 K.
enamin (SF) 2-2, 2 walks 2 RBI
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Lafayette 6-12
Ikevov (F) 14 kills, 15 assists.
s 15-13-17, Hillcrest 13-15-15
(JA) nine asts.
5, Tele. 2-3
Ibrilank (L) 14 sp.
BOYS TENNIS
s 5, LIC 0
Ibrano (N) won 10-4.
GIRLS TENNIS
Gingsborough 2
Inko (L) 10-0.
BOYS HANDBALL
ech 5, Van Arsdale 0
on (BT) won 21-10.
dy 0
pez (F) won first singles.
South Shore 1
e, Kin Haw (M) won second
GIRLS SOCCER
Flushing 1
rado (B) 3 goals.
nce 5, JFK 0
1 (BS) two goals.
Madison 0
cher (Mi) corner goal.
Boys & Girls 0
driguez (W) goal.

SATURDAY TV/RADIO

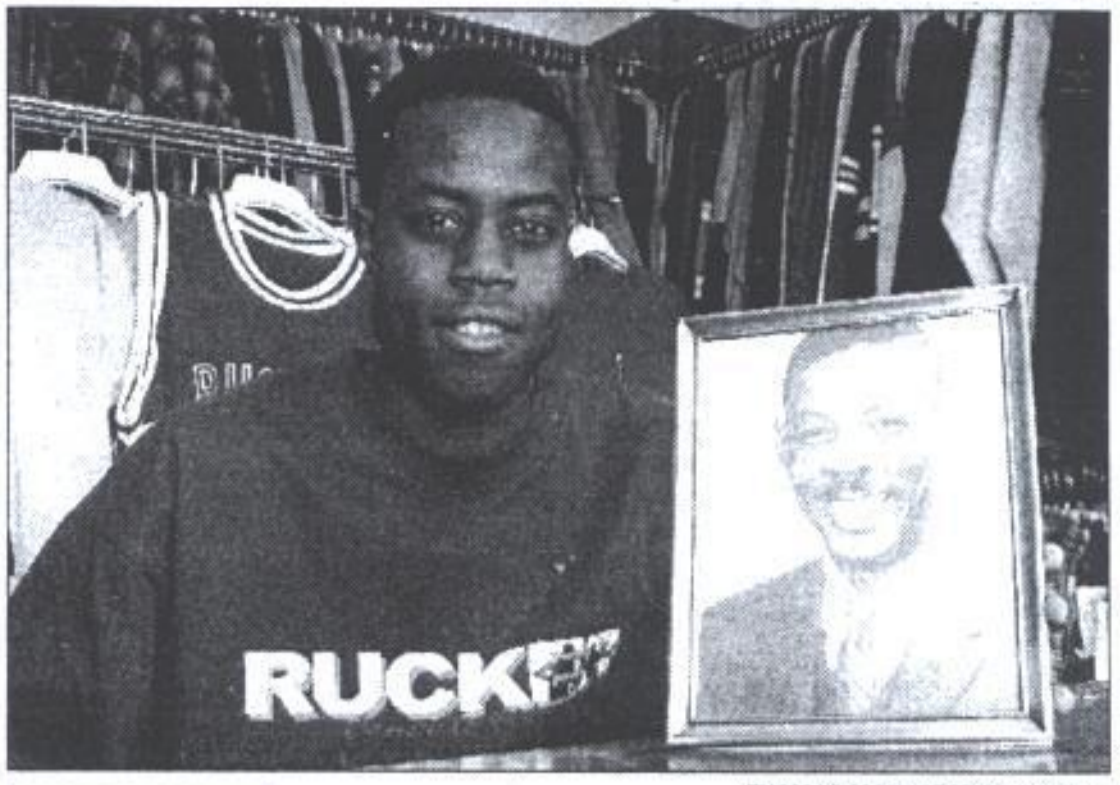
BASEBALL
Orioles at Yankees, 1 p.m., Ch. 5, WABC-770 AM
Mets at Marlins, 7 p.m., Ch. 11, WFAN-660 AM
Phillies at Braves, 7 p.m., TBS
NBA PLAYOFFS
Sixers vs. Pacers, 3:30 p.m., Ch. 4
NHL PLAYOFFS
Devils at Maple Leafs, 7:30 p.m., FSNY, WABC-770 AM
HORSE RACING
Kentucky Derby, 4:30 p.m., Ch. 7
SOCCER
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m., ESPN2
MetroStars at Columbus, 7:30 p.m., MSG, WWRU-1660 AM
AUTO RACING
Pontiac Excitement 400, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
BOXING
Paul Spadafora vs. Mike Griffith 5:30 p.m., HBO
GOLF
Compaq Classic, 2:30 p.m., Ch. 7
The Philips Invitational, 3 p.m., Ch. 2
The Home Depot Invitational, 5:30 p.m., ESPN
FOOTBALL
NFL Europe: Rhein at Barcelona, 1 p.m., FSNY
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
NCAA championship, 2 p.m., ESPN2

SUNDAY TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
Orioles at Yankees, 1 p.m., Ch. 5, WABC-770 AM
Mets at Marlins, 1 p.m., Ch. 11, WEVD-1050 AM
Astros at Dodgers, 8 p.m., ESPN, WFAN-660 AM
NBA PLAYOFFS
Knicks at Heat, 12:30 p.m., Ch. 4, WFAN-660 AM
NBA playoffs, teams TBA, 3 p.m., Ch. 4
NBA playoffs, teams TBA, 5:30 p.m., Ch. 4
NHL HOCKEY
Penguins at Flyers, noon, Ch. 7
Sharks at Stars, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2
AUTO RACING
Ram Tough 200, 1:30 p.m., ESPN
Actionline 300, 1:30 p.m., TNN
USAC: Silver Crown Series, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2
NHRA: Southern Nationals, 4:30 p.m., TNN
GOLF
Compaq Classic, 3 p.m., Ch. 7
The Philips Invitational, 4 p.m., Ch. 2
The Home Depot Invitational, 5:30 p.m., ESPN
SOCCER
U.S. Women's Cup: Canada /South Korea vs. USA/ Mexico, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2
TENNIS
USTA: Men's Clay Court Championships, 2 p.m., Ch. 2
WTA: Betty Barclay Cup, 3 p.m., FSNY

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Question: It's Game 7 and the Knicks are down two points with :09 left. Who should they give the ball to and why?
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THOMAS MONASTER DAILY NEWS

FAMILY PLAN Chris Rucker has carried on work of his grandfather Holcombe, whose famed tourney promotes education.

Show on Rucker good hoops TV

By MICHAEL O'KEEFFE
DAILY NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Bob McCullough was a 12-year-old Harlem gang member with a reputation as a fierce brawler when he met the man who would change his life.

Almost 50 years ago, McCullough's gang, the Politicians, was about to rumble with a rival outfit when the cops pulled up. McCullough stewed in a station house until Holcombe Rucker, a neighborhood park attendant, helped get him released and signed him up for a basketball team.

The gang banger went on to become a playground legend, then a college basketball star. He's been a Harlem community counselor and activist for several decades.

Rucker, meanwhile, went on to change basketball, New York City and American culture before his death in 1965 from cancer, at age 38.

"There would not be an NBA as we know it if it weren't for Holcombe Rucker," said Pee Wee Kirkland, the playground legend who now runs a program that continues Rucker's mission — pushing kids to excel in school, teaching them how to avoid the ghetto's pitfalls.

Rucker's life and legacy are examined in "On Hallowed Ground," a TNT documentary that premieres tomorrow night.

In 1946, Rucker organized the nation's first summer basketball tournaments for boys and girls. His goal was simple: to keep kids busy and out of trouble during the summer.

"His idea was to get kids in the neighborhood to do the right thing," said former Knick Cal Ramsey. "What Rucker preached to us was the value of education, to use our basketball skills to get into college."

Chris Rucker, Holcombe's 29-year-old grandson, said his grandfather helped hundreds of kids enroll at the Laurinburg Institute, a North Carolina prep school that offers students a more structured environment than most New York City public schools.

"New York would not look like it does without my grandfather," said Chris Rucker, whose firm, Rucker Holdings, continues to link basketball with education and community service. "Many people who got involved in the Rucker tournament went on to college because of my grandfather."

In 1950, Rucker established a pro division that went on to teach the NBA a thing or two about the game.

In the early years, the Rucker Tournament was the only venue for many basketball greats. "It was like the Negro Leagues in baseball," said Holcombe's son Phillip. "There were black players in the NBA, but there was a quota system, so there were just one or two blacks on each team."

Back in those days, the NBA frowned on the very moves that make it so popular today: dunks, one-on-one juking, between-the-legs dribbling, behind-the-back passes.

But those moves were all but mandatory at Rucker Park.

Dr. J and other Rucker veterans brought those moves to the ABA and later the NBA, helping pro hoops rise from a secondary sport to the pervasive cultural influence it is today.

Not a bad legacy for a park attendant.

"The Rucker job is still being done," Kirkland said. "There's no way to say how many lives were affected by Rucker."

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