

AMERICAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SET

More than 1500 players, family, and fans are expected to converge in Richmond, Virginia, the birthplace of the late great Arthur Ashe, for the American Tennis Association (ATA) 1993 National Championships on August 1-7.

This is the national showcase of the best African-American amateur tennis players in the country as well as Canada

and the Caribbean. Events range from 10 and under to 70. The tournament is open to all ATA members.

The ATA was founded in 1916 because African Americans could not play in USLTA tournaments.

The ATA has over 4000 members, and is linked nationwide by 70 clubs. It has a tournament schedule of over 65

sanctioned events from coast to coast.

The local tournaments culminate in the National Championships which feature a series of workshops, meetings, social events and competition.

The ATA legacy is an important one. It was the ATA which lobbied long and hard to get young Althea Gibson accepted into the USLTA circuit. Ashe

was a product of the ATA's Junior Development Program, chaired by his great mentor, Dr. Walter Johnson.

Today the ATA works to improve playing opportunities for African Americans. There is probably no outstanding player among African Americans who has not been helped by the ATA in some way.

Virginia Glass, President of

the ATA and on the boards of several other organizations dealing with tennis, envisions the ATA as a viable, necessary vehicle to draw the young, inexperienced player into organized coaching and play to reach his full potential.

There are many college and USPTR and USPTA coaches among the ranks of the ATA.

The schedule in Richmond

includes: August 1-Reception for players; August 2-Get-together for music and relaxation; August 3-A Southern Cookout in the park; August 4-Life Members Reception and ATA general meeting; August 5-Awards Night with Disco to follow; August 6-Riverboat Cruise Party on the Annabell Lee; August 7-Finals-Wildcard to Open Men and Womens singles winners.

TV, FILM AND SPORTS STARS SUPPORT SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION PROGRAM

Hollywood, California — Spearheaded by NBC-TV's popular weatherman Christopher Nance, a number of TV, film and sports celebrities have pledged their support to assist the Senior Citizen Nutrition Program's fund raising efforts by participating in the "5th Annual Adopt-A-Senior Citizen Celebrity Golf Tournament" on Monday July 26th, at the beautiful California Country Club in Whittier, California.

Proceeds from this annual golf classic helps the Senior Citizen Nutrition Program provide 'hot' home delivered meals to low income seniors who can not make their own contributions for this service throughout the City of Los Angeles.

Since it's inception in '89, funds raise through this annual sports program has enabled the Senior Citizen Nutrition Program to increase it's service of home delivered meals to dependent seniors.

To date, more than 20,000 meals have been provided through funds raised by this event. Additionally, cutbacks in funding senior citizen service programs has made outside sources such as this annual golf classic, vitally important in providing financial assistance for this Senior Citizen Program.

In addition to NBC-TV's Christopher Nance serving as celebrity host for this year's event, other popular celebrities joining him include Rogie Va-



ROGER MOSLEY

from the feature film "Amos and Andrew," Nick Tate from "Murder She Wrote," Roger E. Mosely from "Hanging with Mr. Cooper," Sam Vincent from "Serpico," Stack Pierce from "L.A. Law," Art Evans from "Die Hard 2," former Cy Young award winning pitcher Jim Merritt, plus others.

This years event will also initiate a competitive tournament within a tournament as a result of invitations being extended to the various TV Stations in L.A., to field a representing foursome to compete in a team-best-ball match-up.

The winning team will have their stations call letters and team names engraved on a perpetual trophy they can showcase at their station for a year, also earn

'bragging rights' as, "Best TV Station Golf Team in the City."

In addition to the participating celebrities and stars, the players field is limited to 144 golfers, and spots are going fast!! Golfers interested in playing, call Glendell Lewis or Fran Carp at

(213) 485-4884. Entry fees are tax deductible, and tournament fees include: a continental breakfast, green fees, cart, tournament shirt, awards luncheon, tournament 'goody bag', and a wonderful time supporting a worthy cause.

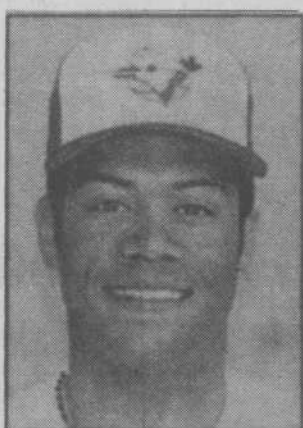
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Orioles went 20-7 in June, while their bullpen staff went 8-0 including 14 saves in 17 opportunities.

Toronto, the American League's defending champion, boasts the early candidate for league MVP in first baseman John Olerud. Pat Hentgen began the season in the bullpen but has since posted an 11-4 record, and has the best ERA among Toronto's starters, 3.54. Jack Morris and Dave Stewart have combined for only nine wins in the first half. Juan Guzman is the Jays' second leading starter at 7-2. The added offensive production from Roberto Alomar and Paul Molitor doesn't hurt at all. What does hurt though, is righthanded pitching prospect Scott Burrell being lost to the Charlotte Hornets, when the young expansion squad made him the 20th overall pick in the NBA Draft.

The Red Sox need to only hope for one big thing to happened: Roger Clemens come back 100%.



Roberto Alomar has proved to be a big offensive asset for the Toronto Blue Jays this season.

Clemens was expected back just before the All-Star break but he continued to experience soreness in his right groin which led to speculation he'd be out 'til late July. Andre Dawson and Mike Greenwell seem to be 100% as their hitting has picked up immensely. Dawson nailed three home runs in a seven-game stretch and Mike Greenwell hit at a .350 pace for three straight weeks.



In hot pursuit by American League East contenders New York and Baltimore, is San Diego's first baseman Fred McGriff.

ALL-STAR M.V.P.

For the sixth year in a row, the American League has topped the National League in the All-Star Game, this year by the score of 9-3. Of course every year there is one player that stands out among the rest of the league's top players - the Most Valuable Player.

In Tuesday's game, Minnesota Twins' left fielder Kirby Puckett went 2-for-3, slugging a solo home run and an RBI double. In what has proved to be a disappointing first half with the Twins, who remain in the A.L. West cellar, Puckett showed that he still can connect at the plate

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