My Time at Schutz and Some Stories - F.B. Sands

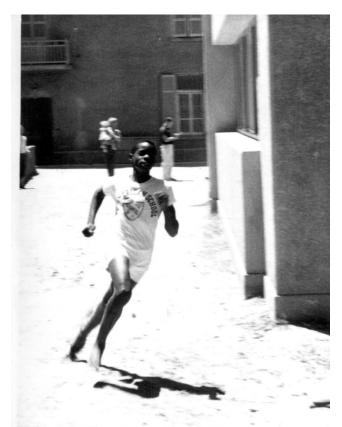
While going through a pile of old pictures, I recently came across these pictures of me jumping and running at track meets at Schutz (around 1961-62). One of the things I loved the most at Schutz was sports!





Part of my story after Schutz, is that I finished high school in Switzerland (Aiglon College) where I continued to run track and do well at playing basketball. Thereafter, in college, I played intramural basketball, ran indoor track for a short while and even tried playing lightweight college football (but didn't last long!). For many years I continued playing basketball in league games (some overseas) and intramurals when I sent back to grad school. And the sports legacy continued through my sons. I raised 2 boys – one of whom (the youngest, Jahmal) became a super star athlete in high school and got a track scholarship at Hampton University where he specialized in the 400-meter high hurdles. He came in 3rd at the US AAU Junior Olympics and his running mate at Hampton ran the 400-meter high hurdles in 2 Olympics.

Below for fun, I recently showed Jahmal a picture of me running at Schutz and sent him pictures of himself running track in high school. He was a whole lot bigger and stronger than I ever was -- winning 5 gold medals -- twice, at international high school track meets!





My favorite sport at Schutz was always basketball. Below is the Jr High Team with a note of who's who.



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I think that's Kim McGill with me in the picture to the right (?).

As it turns out ... while I was stationed in Cairo from 1992 – 1997 as a USAID Foreign Service Officer, Jahmal was a standout basketball player for CAC, our archrival! Over the years, I 'bragged' to my family about how good I was "in my day" and they often chuckled – although Jahmal gave me more respect because I introduced him to the game and he saw me play in league games on the CAC's campus. He thought it was so cool when I recently came across these pictures of me playing for Schutz against CAC! I also sent him an excerpt from one of our Schutz yearbooks about the evenly matched games we used play between the 2 schools. But while my sons were at CAC for 5 years, the school we a powerhouse sports school – winning several international school championships in track and basketball.





Some other pictures I found are of my sisters (Renee and Doy) and I going to Schutz from Khartoum, Sudan – along with a few other students. Unfortunately, I can't recall their names!



The picture below is taken at Schutz (between 1960 and '64) and again, except for my sisters and Carolyn, I can't recall names and neither can Doy! If anyone can be identified, please let me know!



As fate would have it, as of right now, Jahmal is assigned to Cairo, Egypt as a USAID Foreign Service Officer! He's been there about a year and I went to visit him just before Christmas. On my first day there, we drove to Alexandria and went searching for Schutz. Thank goodness for GPS, we found it after a few tries through the streets that are even narrower now.

