

# Elston's '57 Contract With Yanks Brings \$12,000

## BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER

"Al Lewis is a Negro, but I personally do not think this is significant. He is one of the most loved sports figures on the Philadelphia scene. He is an idol of the grammar and high school set. And by example displays a quality that give credit to his family and certainly adds prestige to La Salle College."

Speaking was Bill Snyder, director of public information at the Philadelphia Catholic college.

Of course, Lewis has not received the reams of publicity that has gone to Philadelphia contemporary—Wilton Chamberlain—but he has proved himself quite a basketball player for LaSalle. He is one of a select few of Explainer court performers to pass the 1,000 stone in scoring.

When he accomplished this—against Temple in the Palestra—quite a stir was created. Television cameras were on hand to record the event, witnessed by several thousands court-side spectators.

According to pre-game arrangements, an official whistled time out. The floor announcer took the ball from the official, went onto the floor and handed it to Lewis.

Temple as well as LaSalle players shook Al's hand and backslapped him after one of his teammates gave him a big bear hug while the crowd waved and cheered.

With a fellow player's arm dangling around his neck, Lewis, delighted but looking a little embarrassed in the spotlight, walked to the sidecourt and handed the ball to a friend for safekeeping.

All of this was moving and prompted a Philadelphia sports editor, Ed Pollock of the Bulletin to remark:

"There's no better way to improve human relations than through sports."

Readers of this column know how well we agree with this sentiment. It's too bad that the bigots in the deep South who forced Jackson, Miss. College to withdraw from NCAA little college competition are too blind to see that.

It's an almost incredible thing to believe that because the Mississippi Negro college was scheduled to play a white college outside of the state that such a diabolical demand would be made. It's sickening, too, that the college officials had to bow low to the bigots.

Lewis is an example of how well intercollegiate competition promotes democracy—and sports are the great equalizer of democracy.

During the last Christmas season, LaSalle participated in the Orange Bowl basketball tourney. In looking back over his career, Al recalls that his participation in that event was his most satisfying athletic experience. He turned in one of his greatest performances against Valparaiso (Ind.) University, against whom he scored 35 points.

Al proved there—as numerous other fan athletes have demonstrated—that race has nothing to do with ability.

That evidently is what white Mississippians fear.



GIANTS' ROOKIE SENSATION — Horace Stoneham (left), president of the New York Giants, looks on as Giants' manager Ed Rigney (right) talks to rookie shortstop Andre Rogers at the Giants' spring training camp at Phoenix, Arizona, March 13th. Rogers, of Nassau, Bahamas, is the sensation of the training camp, with his hitting and fielding. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

## Tan Cager Holds Strings To Seattle's Tournament Hopes

SEATTLE, WASH. — (ANP) — Seattle enters the National Invitational Basketball Tourney in New York this weekend with a 20-game winning streak on the line.

The player the Chieftans expect most to help them return home with the string intact is Edwyn Baylor, the sophomore from Washington, D. C.

Baylor has scored 803 points in 26 games for a 30.88 average, ranking him third among college scorers in the nation. He has hit for a field goal accuracy of 48.8 and is 810 percent from the foul line. His rebounding average is 20 per game, which makes him also among the leaders in the National College Athletic Association statistics.

Baylor is paired off forward with Thornton Humphries, a 6-7 forward from Apalachicola, Fla., who is averaging 6.6 points per game.

One of the starting guards is another sophomore star from Washington, Francis Saunders, who has scored 230 points for an 8.85 shooting average.

Lloyd Murphy, the fourth tan member of the team, is a substitute guard and has averaged 4.1 points a game in 20 encounters.

## Tallahassee To Host High School Playoffs

TALLAHASSEE — Tallahassee will be the scene of plenty of basketball action next weekend as the State Class "AA" and North "CC" tournaments get underway at the Florida A and M University Gymnasium on Thursday and continue through Saturday evening.

Play in the "AA" class (boys only) will begin on Friday at 8:30 a. m. with winners, runners-up, and consolationists from the northern and the southern state tournament battling for the coveted state championship, and the sub-champion right to represent Florida in the national meet which is held for Tennessee State's field house later in the month.

Class "CC" play is scheduled to begin at 8:30 on Thursday morning.

"Owing to the pattern of elimination in districts and regionals, tournaments, teams competing in both classes will represent the best in high school basketball competition," according to a local tournament spokesman.

Griffin Junior High School has drawn a first round bye and will meet the winner of the Douglas Anderson (Jacksonville) and Matthew Gilbert tussle.

One of the worst things a poultryman can do is to pack eggs in the case while they are still warm. Let them cool in baskets before packing, advise Extension poultry specialists at North Carolina State Developers and served for two years as district representative for the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He was also a member of the Masons and Shriners.

## At The Ringside

BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON (For ANP)

Two Californians high in Ring Ratings, one a heavyweight and the other a welterweight, have moved into challenging positions in the April ratings published by Ring Magazine, the official "Who's Who" Gazette of boxing.

The heavyweight is Eddie Machen of Redding, Calif., who although not long in the pro ranks, has established himself as the No. 2 man in the division and now looms as the biggest threat to current champ Floyd Patterson. Holding knockout wins over such prominent contenders as Nino Valdez and Johnny Holman, and recent winner over veteran Joey Maxim, Machen, whose smooth looks and easy manner belie the explosives he carries in his fists, has won some 20 pro fights without a loss.

A natural, who was tutored in the manly art of self defense by an uncle, Eddie's climb up the fistie ladder has been meteoric. In the April ratings he made his biggest jump, moving up to the No. 2 spot among the 10 top confiding heavyweights. Only funnyman Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson now stands between him and Patterson.

The welterweight is Charley (Tomstone) Smith, winner of 12 straight fights and California State champ. A capable fighter, Charley is fast, justifying his nickname for his potency as a fistie destroyer. He is ranked No. 10 among the top 10 welterweights.

Few changes were affected in the overall ratings, but Yolande Pompey of Trinidad boosted his stock among the light-heavyweights by jumping from the No. 5 to the No. 2 spot, and Orlando Zubeta of Cuba moved up a notch from No. 6 to No. 5 among the lightweights.

The ratings follow:  
Heavyweights: Champion: Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn. Contenders: 1—Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; 2—Eddie Machen, Redding, Calif.; 3—Harold Garter, Linden, N. J.; 4—Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.; 5—Willie Pastano, New Orleans, La.; 6—Bob Satterfield, Chicago; 7—Ingemar Johansson, Sweden; 8—Bob Baker, Pittsburgh; 9—Zora Polley, Chandler, Ariz.; and 10—Wayne Bethea, New York City.

Light-heavyweights: Champion: Archie Moore, Contenders: 1—Chuck Spivak, Lansing, Mich.; 2—Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B. W. I.; 3—Tony Anthony, New York City; 4—Gerhard Hecht, Germany; 5—Hans Stretz, Germany; 6—Willie Besmanoff, Germany; 7—Dagomar Martinez, Uruguay; 8—Randy Turpin, England; 9—Charles Colin, France; and 10—Willie Hoepner, Germany.

Middleweights: Champion: Gene Fuller, West Jordan, Utah. Contenders: 1—Ray Robinson, New York City; 2—Charley Humes, France; 3—Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N. Y.; 4—Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, Chicago; 5—Rory Calhoun, White Plains, N. Y.; 6—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia; 7—Joey Giambra, Buffalo, N. Y.; 8—Neal Rivers, Las Vegas, Nev.; 9—Chebo Hernandez, Mexico; and 10—Charley Joseph, New Orleans, La.

Welterweights: Champion: Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.; Contenders: (Rated before title fight) 1—Johnny Saxton, Brook-

## Casey Stengel Labels Howard As Team's Three-Way Player

(This is another in the series of stories on major league teams with top personnel.)  
CHICAGO (ANP) — The news came through the other week that Elston Howard had signed his 1957 contract with the New York Yankees for an estimated \$12,000. This will be Howard's third season as the Yankees only fan player. He is a highly valued one, though.

Manager Casey Stengel calls him the team's three-way player. He can play the outfield, catch and I

## At Hampton: Track-Field Teams Open '57 Season

HAMPTON, VA. — The outlook for Varsity Track and Field at Hampton Institute this season is anything but encouraging, according to Head Coach Morgan Griffin. The return of senior lettermen Dennis White (Captain), Fletcher Battle, Allen Lewis, and James Anderson, junior lettermen Wilbur Hayes, and Oliver Wright, and sophomores Clyde Clark and Horace Turner will bolster the squad, but the loss of front-line hurdlers, sprinters, and middle-distance men will hamper the Pirates who finished third in the CIAA last year.

The schedule: Triangular meet (VI) Virginia State, Howard University at Virginia State, March 30; Quadrangular meet (III, J. C. Smith, A&T College, Fayetteville State) at Hampton Institute, April 6; Quintangular meet (II, Howard University, Maryland State, Bluefield State, Virginia State) at Hampton Institute, April 13; Penn Relays at Philadelphia, Pa., April 26-27; North Carolina Relays at Durham, N. C., May 4; and CIAA Championships at Baltimore, Md., May 10-11.

things happens to the well-known inductible Yogi Berra, he has Howard on hand to do more-than-a-credible job behind the bat. If none of the other abundance of hard hitters come through to fill the left-field job, Stengel can count on Howard in that spot.

If he needs a reliable replacement, Stengel has Howard on the bench. The only Casey has no hesitation in calling on Howard.

The fact was that, since his 262 batting average in 98 games last year Howard was one of the best in pinch-hitting roles (11-for-17).

His record last season was less than ideal as a pinch-hitter, says "Old Casey."

Stengel knows that if any-

thing happens to his first freshman season in 1955. Coming up from Toronto, where he was the International League's most valuable player in 1954, Howard batted .250, his production included 10 homers and 43 RBIs.

There's one pitcher who doesn't care if he has to face Howard anytime too soon. He's Don Newcombe, the Brooklyn Dodger right-hander, who has had rotten luck generally with the Yankees.

In the 1956 World Series, Newcombe was knocked by Howard's homer in the seventh game. It was Elston's second WS home run off the New York. In the opener of the 1955 classic, the first time he faced the athletic right-hander Howard received a drive into the stands.

## Cal Ramsey Is High Scorer On N. Y. U. Basketball Team

NEW YORK CITY (ANP) — Cal Ramsey, 19-year-old sophomore, scored more points for the New York University basketball team than any other sophomore in history.

The 6-4 260-pounder tallied 401 points in 19 of the team's 21 games, averaging 21.1 points per game. He missed two of the team's games because of a shoulder sprain and the injury slowed him down in two others.

That is only the second VIU player to score 400 points in a basketball season.

Ramsey, called "The Hawk" by teammates because of his rebounding ability, he took 372 rebounds for an average of 19.58 per game, which should rank him high in the nation among college players. He retrieved 28 rebounds against NYU, 30 against Brandeis and 24 against Gaston College.

The 19-year-old youngster, not only jumps phenomenally for his height, but he times his leaps perfectly. He goes up at precisely the right time, snatches the ball at peak height, and controls it after the rebounding action does the job of the ball after taking a rebound.

Metropolitan New York basketball fanatics have called Ramsey the best college player in their area. He is considered potentially an All-American. Despite the fact that NYU had a poor season (8-13), Ramsey received honorable mention on several All-Americans this year.

The native of Selma, Ala., attended Commerce High School in New York. As a freshman at NYU he registered 458 points.

He jumped center for the Violets during the past season, then moved over to play the corner. His favorite shot is a high, soft one-hand jump variety, but he also drove well and, when the occasion demanded, hooked from the pivot.

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Ed Robinson (15) of Yale picks off a rebound from out of a welter of Tar Heel arms belonging to Joe Quigg (41) and Lennie Rosenbluth during the triple header NCAA Eastern Regionals at Madison Square Garden, March 12. Looking on at right is Bulldog Tom Sargent. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

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