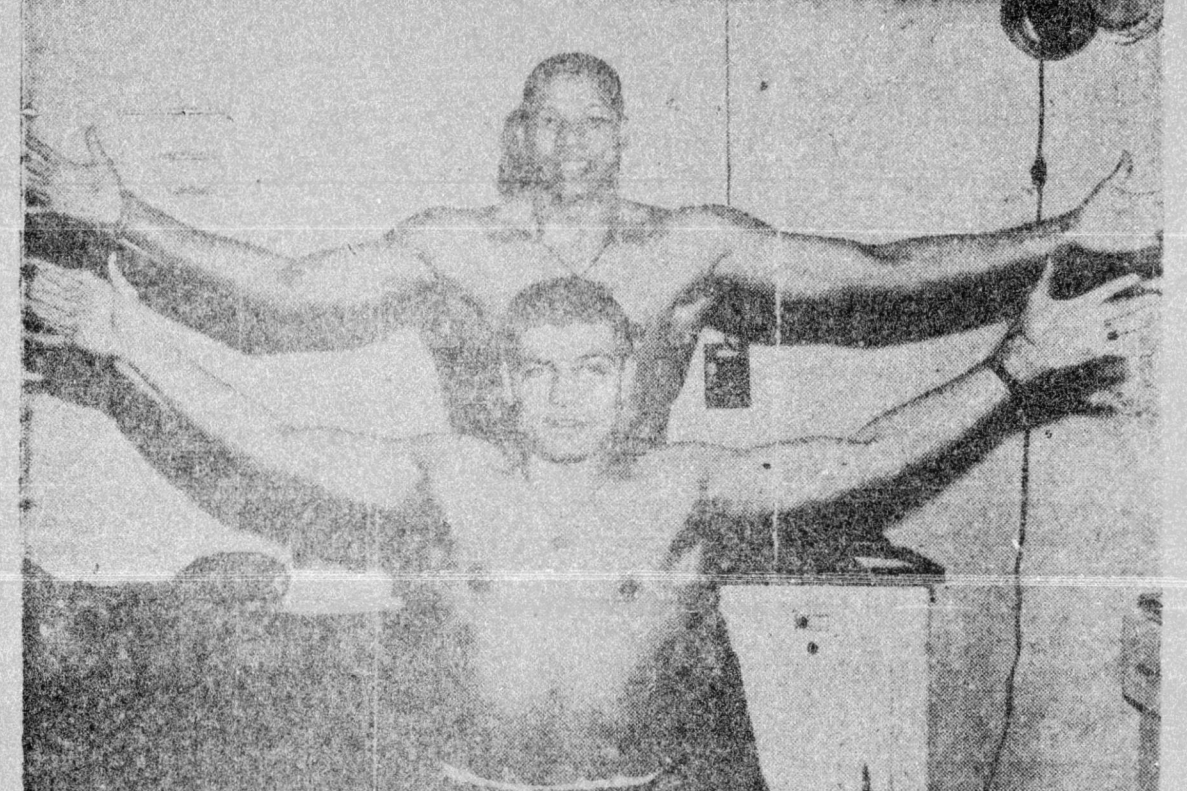


# NC High School Cage Tourney Slated For A & T College



**PARTING OF THE WAYS** — Jackie Robinson (left), former infielder for the Dodgers baseball team, lately of Brooklyn, and his onetime teammate, pitcher Don Newcombe, get together for a few rounds of golf at the Miami Country Club recently. Robinson is now personnel manager for Chock Full-O'-Nuts in New York City. Newcombe will move to Los Angeles, Calif., with the Dodgers. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).



**BIG STRETCH** — Cuban heavyweight Mino Valdes and his Argentine counterpart, Alex Miteff (foreground), compare their reach at the Boxing Commissioner's office in New York, two days before their 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden Friday night. Valdes had a 5-inch reach advantage on his opponent. (Newspress Photo).

## 16 Teams Compete For State Honors In Annual Basketball Meet In March

**BE HELD AT A & T COLLEGE** — GREENSBORO — The annual North Carolina High School Basketball Tournament will be held at A & T College, here, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 13, 14 and 15.

Sixteen teams, winners in double-A and triple-A eliminations in eastern and western divisions will compete for State championships. The event is sponsored by the North Carolina Negro High School Athletic Association.

The tourney, previously held in Durham, was transferred to A & T College this year by vote of the Association last fall. Competition has been scheduled as follows: March 13, sessions 9:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M., and 6:30 P. M.; March 14, sessions at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M., and on March 15, beginning at 6:30 P. M. All games are to be played in the Charles Moore Gymnasium on the college campus. C. A. Harris, Louisburg, is president of the Association and Dr. W. T. Armstrong, Rocky Mount, is commissioner for athletics.

## Age, Family No Hindrance To St. Louis' Cal Burnett

**ST. LOUIS — (ANP) —** Cal Burnett has two distinctions as a member of the St. Louis University basketball team. At 25, he is the oldest member on the squad. As father of a year-old daughter, he is the only married member.

But Burnett, a 6-5 junior, would not rest on these laurels. He is the first player to win a starting assignment for the Billikens. The first player in the history of the school was Larry Sikes, of New York City, who played with St. Louis in 1922-23.

Burnett scored 253 points in 28 games, averaging 9.2 per game. He cleared the boards for 416 rebounds, an average of 14.9, to lead the Bills in that department. On the season, he ranked as the 19th best rebounder in the nation.

## Bob Boozer's Key Man In Kansas State Title Plans

**MANHATTAN, Kans. (ANP) —** If Kansas State inspects Kansas as the Big Eight basketball championship this season — and the right to represent the conference in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament — one of the big reasons will be Bob Boozer, 6-8, 220-pound junior All-American prospect.

Boozer, who is averaging close to 20 points a game this season, turned in his greatest performance when Wildcats defeated Will Chamberlain and his Jayhawk teammates, 79 to 75, in a double overtime battle before 17,000 in Manhattan.

## BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER FOR ANP

Not so long ago a southerner (John Leonard of Columbia, S. C.) was visiting Pittsburgh. Looking for an evening of entertainment, he could think of nothing more exciting than seeing the Duquesne-Cincinnati basketball game — or rather nothing more exciting than a chance to watch Oscar Robertson, Cincy's spectacular sophomore, in action.

When the southerner got back home, he unburdened himself of his innermost thoughts, in a letter to a Pittsburgh sports writer.

"For many years I have wanted to see the famous Dukes of Dunder Moore in action. And, I'm sure any fan would relish an opportunity to see Oscar Robertson and the Bearcats at the same time," he wrote.

"However, upon my return home, I must admit to my family and friends that the courtesy and sportsmanship extended to the Negro in the North is not of the gallant nature that we in the 'backward' South are led to believe.

## Tougaloo Leading Gulf Coast Cage Conference

**TOUGALOO, Miss. — (ANP) —** The Gulf Coast Athletic Conference, whose membership is composed of private colleges, is experiencing its first tight race for the basketball championship.

Each conference team is required to play ten conference games, two with each member. The conference is well balanced as is evidenced by the results to date. Even though Tougaloo is now leading the conference there is the possibility that Dillard University and Tougaloo may end up in a tie for honors.

## Sugar Ray Called "Cool Cat"

**GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y. — (ANP) —** Former middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson had a cool workout here last week.

Robinson is in training for his March 25 return title bout with Carmen Basilio in Chicago. All seed Irish potatoes sold in North Carolina are certified to protect the commercial grower. Test your soil early — it saves time. Soil and water conservation is a paying thing.

## Predict Tan Players Will Win Top Basketball Honors

**CHICAGO — (ANP) —** With the college basketball season nearing its end, it appeared certain this week that tan players would take the two most coveted individual honors for the 1957-58 campaign.

The individual scoring battle remained a three-cornered battle involving the greatest, triumvirate college basketball — Elgin Baylor, Oscar Robertson and Will Chamberlain.

At the same time, Alex (Boo) Ellis, the Niagara star, and Almiss, of St. Francis (Brooklyn), continued to set the pace in rebounding.



**STILL BREAKING RECORDS** — Lene Home's return to the legitimate stage in "Jamaica" after years as a movie and nightclub favorite, has given New Yorkers one of the happiest musicals in years. With one of the biggest advance sales in history, the show will be part of the New York landscape for a long time — a distinct tribute to Miss Home, shown here with co-star Ricardo Montalban. (Newspress Photo).

## Gene Fullmer Shuns Fight With 'Spider'

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (ANP) —** Former middleweight champion Gene Fullmer has turned down an offer to meet Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, the No. 3 contender, in an April bout at the Kentucky Fairgrounds here, promoter Bill King disclosed.

King had offered Fullmer and Webb \$7,500 each for the bout, which was to be billed as an elimination to determine the next challenger for the winner of the Ray Robinson-Carmen Basilio title fight in Chicago March 25.

## "Boo" Ellis Shoots For New Record

**NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. —** Alex (Boo) Ellis, Niagara University, notched 24 points in the Purple Eagles' 76-to-66 victory over St. John of Brooklyn and brought his season's total to 390 points.

This put the Niagara co-captain within 20 points of becoming the first player for his alma mater ever to score 400 or more points in each of his varsity seasons. He scored 405 as a sophomore and 631 last season.



**BIG JOB AHEAD** — Pennsylvania Governor George M. Leader (second from left) discusses plans for a Univac Electronic Computer for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with Andrew W. Bradley, right, secretary of property and supplies. Bradley drew the tremendous responsibility for the Univac operation in that state, the first of his race so designated. (Newspress Photo).

## Geo. Crowe Lone Holdout With Redlegs

**CINCINNATI (ANP) —** First baseman George Crowe Thursday was reported the only holdout on the Cincinnati Redlegs roster.

Crowe became the only unsignee after pitcher John Klippstein and catcher Ed Bailey came to terms for the 1958 baseball season. A total of 40 players are now signed by the team.

Crowe was a real Sparkplug for the Reds last season, filling in at the initial sack when a back injury kept Ted Kluzewski out of the lineup most of the time. Ted has since been traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates.



**HOW TO KEEP WARM IN COLD WEATHER** — Sugar Ray Robinson warms up during the current cold wave as he runs on this snow-covered track, a road near his Greenwood Lake training camp. Robinson will meet Carmen Basilio in Chicago March 25th in a bout for the middleweight title. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

It certainly has happened in Dallas, Texas, when unhappy lookers' bood and footed Will Chamberlain, in the NCAA regional tournament last March. It certainly has happened in New Orleans, when rabid rooters sang "Bye, Bye Blackbird," with Shelle McMillen and Curley Johnson, Bradley University basketball players, on the floor.

In other words, this sort of distasteful thing knows no geographical bounds. But the point we would like to suggest to the southerner is this:

As long as Negro athletes are able to compete with their white counterparts, we have a good chance of making some progress. For one thing we know, athletic competition is no respecter of race, creed or color. It's ability, in the main, that is the payoff. It makes no difference whether spectators like it; but it does make a difference — sociologically and psychologically — when a Negro can not compete on even terms with

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