

# Lakers' Prexy, NBA Back Baylor In "J. C." Controversy



RECEIVES SPORTS AWARDS—Smiling happily former Dodger catcher, Roy Campanella, left, and Joe Cronin, a nominee for president of the American League, have a chat at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City. They hold silver trays presented to them at the 8th Annual Award Dinner of the Sports Lodge of the National Athletic Union. They and ten other athletic world personalities received awards at the dinner for "high principle and achievement in sports in 1957." (UPI PHOTO).

## Campanella Says Love Of Family And Courage Helping Him Overcome Illness

GELN COVER, N. Y. (AP) — The first anniversary of the tragic auto accident which has paralyzed him from the waist down found Roy Campanella in high spirits as he recalled the factors which played the most part in his tremendous recovery.

"My family and the opportunity to have a job have given me a new life," adding, "It doesn't take too much fight if you have courage." Campanella then talked of his aspirations for the future. "I only hope then I can help some youngster or some elderly person in the same condition who might have given up just a little," he said, referring to his fight to recover.

In civil life, Campanella is as busy as a beaver. He's got a radio show, writes a weekly column (for Jet Magazine), and is also writing a book — possibly about his life. He also spends considerable time at his liquor store, and visits the hospital for treatment twice a week.

## FAMU Baseballers Release 26-Game Schedule For '59

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida A. & M. University nine plays a 26-game baseball slate this spring which includes one exhibition and 25 SIAC league contests.

The Rattlers had a 12-6 record for the '58 season and finished third in current standing behind Alabama State College and Tuskegee Institute. Of the 26 games scheduled for this spring, 15 of them will be played at home and 11 on the road. Home games will begin at 2:30 and will be on the new university diamond on Railroad Avenue.

## Ira Murchison Hospitalized

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Olympic spring star Ira Murchison has been hospitalized in Chicago with amoebic dysentery and doctors have ordered him not to participate in any indoor meets this season.

That's the word from the campus of Western Michigan college campus here.

The announcement was made by George Dales, Murchison's track coach.

## Adopt Policy To Protect League's 20 Tan Players

DETROIT (AP) — The National Basketball Association last week went on record as officially supporting Elgin Baylor, Minneapolis Lakers star, in his sitdown protest of racial segregation in a game at Charleston, W. Va., recently.

At the meeting of the association's board of governors here, a policy was adopted designed to protect the league's 20 Negro players against embarrassment stemming from segregated housing and dining facilities in some areas.

It was agreed that henceforth each of the eight clubs in the association would insist, before making a commitment for a game in a neutral city, "on a clause which will adequately protect the club and players against any type of embarrassment."

The action was taken because Baylor was humiliated in Charleston prior to a game between the Lakers and the Cincinnati Royals.

According to Lakers' president, Bob Short, his club was assured there would be no racial segregation in the city, but when the team checked into a local hotel, Baylor and other Negro members were barred.

gains in Charleston. He said Baylor's action "embarrassed" the Business Club and damaged its chances of promoting future N. B. A. games in Charleston. He said nothing of the personal embarrassment to Baylor as a result of the segregation.

Corrie protested to the league against Baylor's refusal to play, asking that the star rookie be disciplined.

However, the N. B. A. refused to go along and in fact staunchly supported Baylor by announcing the anti-segregation policy.

Also supporting Baylor was Short, who said he was behind him "100 percent." What's more, Short added, his club will not play any future summer dates anywhere. He said:

"From now on, unless we are guaranteed common facilities for rooming and feeding all our players, we shall not appear in that city (Charleston) . . . And we will schedule neutral games only on a non-segregated basis."

Maurice Podoloff, N. B. A. president, was solidly in Baylor's corner. He said that before he (association teams) make any commitment to play in a non-league city "we will insist on a clause to protect players and clubs from embarrassment."

Short said that ordinarily the refusal of a player to play in a game would mean disciplinary action, but that "Mr. Baylor's case was different."

## GOOFIN' OFF BY "SKINK"

The Durham Rams baseball team will play the Hillsboro All-Stars in Hillsboro on Easter Sunday.

Willie Mays' salary of eighty-thousand dollars from the San Francisco Giants next season is the highest wages to be received by a Negro in the United States. It speaks well for the Negro baseball leagues in which Willie received his competitive training. Willie started in the Industrial League in Birmingham while a high school boy and fought his way to a regular outfielder's berth with the renowned Birmingham Black Barons.

Athletics has created a new economic group in Negro circles and their salaries exceed that of any others. A sprinkling few are college men in baseball and boxing world where the "green-stuff" piles the highest. Too bad that these two sports are the last on the list on colored college athletic programs.

JOHN BAKER, head of the Los Angeles Rams' highly successful scouting system, says that "Big John" Baker was discovered while screening a film on a Florida A&M-North Carolina College game. Kotel said, "We were scouting a Florida back, but everytime there was a kickoff or punt all we could see was some enormous North Carolina tackle charging down the field."

He'd do his part in holding up the defense then take off and still be the first man down to make the tackle. We caught the jersey number and finally unearthed "Big John."

Kotel said the Baker story really began before the movie role. He said that he was visiting the Duke Campus in Durham and a policeman guarding the Blue Devil practice kept telling him about a fellow at "Little North Carolina College across town" who was bigger than he was and he stood about 6-4 and weighed around 260 lbs. The prospect got lost in the shuffle until the film discovery. Kotel didn't know it, but the New York Giants and Baltimore Colts had already discovered Baker. Each privately thought they had him "sewed up" in the National Football League draft last year. But the Giants and Colts waited a little too long with their bids. The Rams dropped Baker's name on the fifth round—and the respective jaws of the Giants and Colts did a drop, too.

KITRELL COLLEGE'S GREAT '25-'26 BASEBALL TEAM  
Principal Plummer A. Williams of the Apex High School reached one of Kittrell's college's great baseball teams back in '25-'26. Principal Williams, who was a great athlete at Kittrell himself, in the days when Kittrell produced some of the toughest football and baseball teams in the state, smiles wherever this championship bunch is mentioned in his presence.

## Delaware State Considered "Team To Watch" In Race

DOVER, Del. — Once again the Delaware State Hornets, with a conference record of 5-1 and an overall record of 7 victories and 2 defeats, is considered the team to watch in the CIAA.

Cosch Bonnie J. George's team has one of the best records in the conference and is standing out in recent statistics released by the CIAA statistician. The Hornets' Clarence Jones from Brooklyn, N. Y., was leading the conference in field goals with a 509 percentage. With an average of 20.4 points per game, Jones was fourth in the scoring department.

The Hornets were leading the conference in field goal percentage with a .434 mark, and they also led the conference in free throw percentage with a mark of .711. In team offense the Hornets are third with an average of 74.9 points per game. Kenneth Pearson from New York City and a former Dover Air Force Base star has an average of 16.1 rebounds per game to give DSC sixth place in that department.

The squad suffered a heavy blow recently when Clarence Jones completed his requirements for graduation at the end of the first semester. Moving to the varsity and vying for berths will be three freshmen — Howitt Joyner from Boston, Mass.; Thomas Arrington from Brooklyn, N. Y.; and George Bratcher from West Chester, Penn. Bratcher, standing 6'1", is the tallest of the three.

The Hornets resumed action after the examination period by returning to the regular part of their schedule. Berean "Stu" Williams whom DSC defeated 67-52 earlier in the season was met on Wednesday, January 28



DECATHLON CHAMP HONORED—Towering above Dan Ferris, left, Rafer Johnson, decathlon champion and president of the student body at UCLA, accepts a silver tray award at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York, last Sunday. Johnson was among 11 athletes (left by the Rival Rival). (UPI PHOTO).

## Pro Teams Draft Tan Stars; 'Skins Remaining Lilywhite'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Cleveland Browns, Chicago Bears and Chicago Cardinals came up with prized choices in the second phase of the annual draft by National Football League clubs.

The Browns' fifth selection was Johnny Wooten, a 249-pound guard from Colorado. Then Paul Brown, Cleveland's coach, came up with a sleeper in Albert Dubonson from Little Bluffton (Ohio) college. George Halas, of the Bears came up with one of the most coveted backs sought by the pros, John Adams, a 230-pound halfback from Los Angeles state college.

One of the outstanding picks by the Cardinals was Ted Bates, the all-American tackle from Oregon

### NEW BROWNS' DEFENSIVE STAR

In Wooten, Coach Brown hopes he has the man for the offensive guard duties in the Cleveland line. So badly did Brown want him that he dispatched a Cleveland emissary to Boulder, Colo., to sign Wooten before he was actually selected.

Wooten is known as a rugged competitor, is fast, mobile and a strong downfield blocker.

In Dubonson, who averaged more than 1,000 yards a year in a four-year career at Buffton, the Browns have a young man who is considered a potentially great offensive back. Many experts rated him better than Don Clark, the Ohio State star drafted earlier by the Browns.

Adams has another year of eligibility, since he transferred to Los Angeles State from UCLA. Nearly every club in the NFL had him on their list. The Los Angeles Rams, for example, had tabbed Adams as the best prospect in the entire draft.

Bates was the outstanding lineman of the college scene on the Pacific Coast and stood out in the annual East-West Shrine game at San Francisco. The 233-pounder proved extremely difficult to top.

### STARS FROM NEGRO SCHOOLS

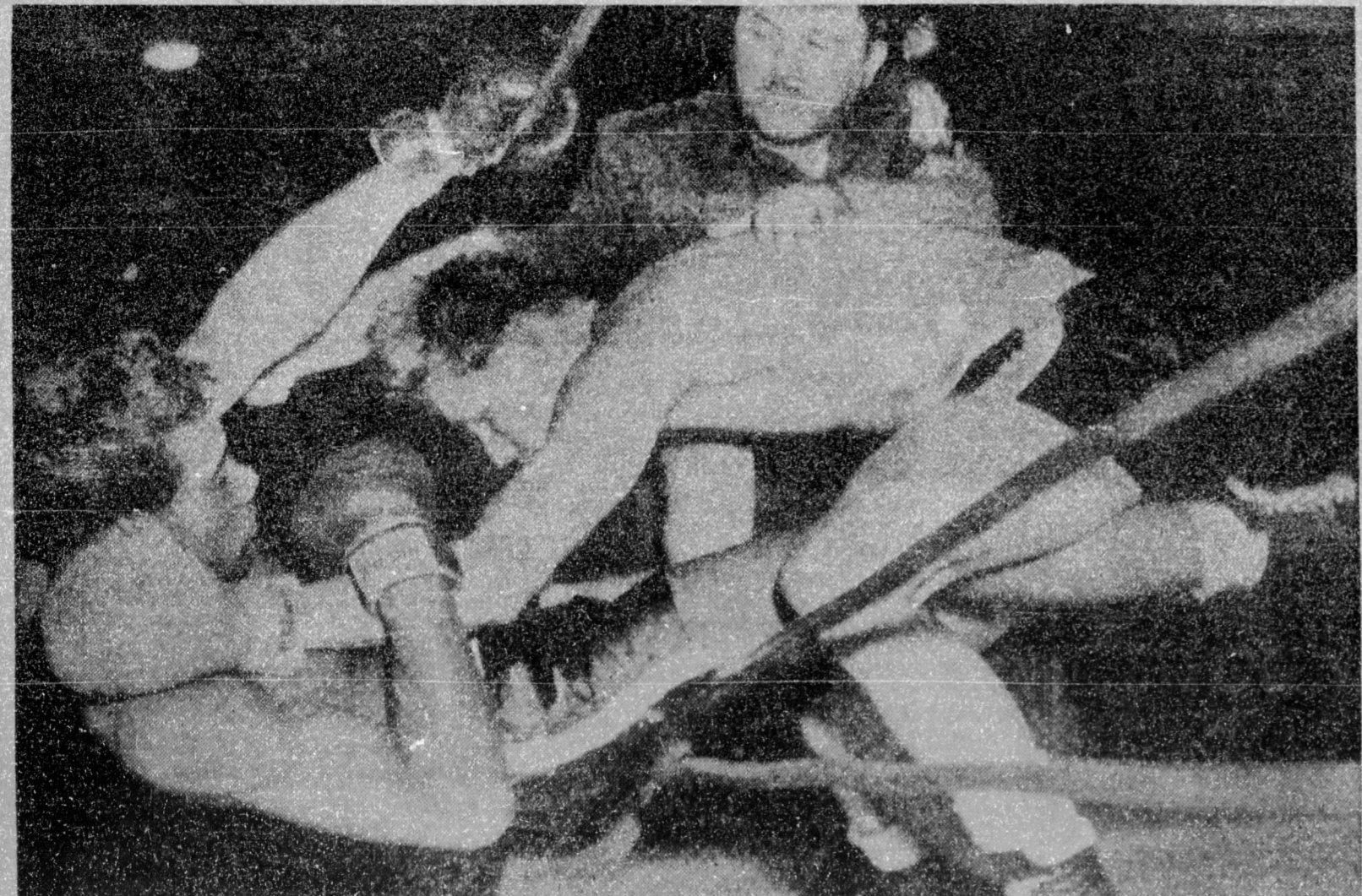
The Browns also picked Homer Floyd, who starred at Kansas, and Jamie Caleb from Grambling (La.) college. Floyd, who has signed to play Canadian football, was the leading pass receiver and scorer in the Big Eight conference. He also broke the individual rushing record for the Jayhawks.

Other choices of the Bears included tackle Willie Smith, Michigan; William Neal, Jackson (Miss.) State; and Clifton Jackson, South Carolina college.

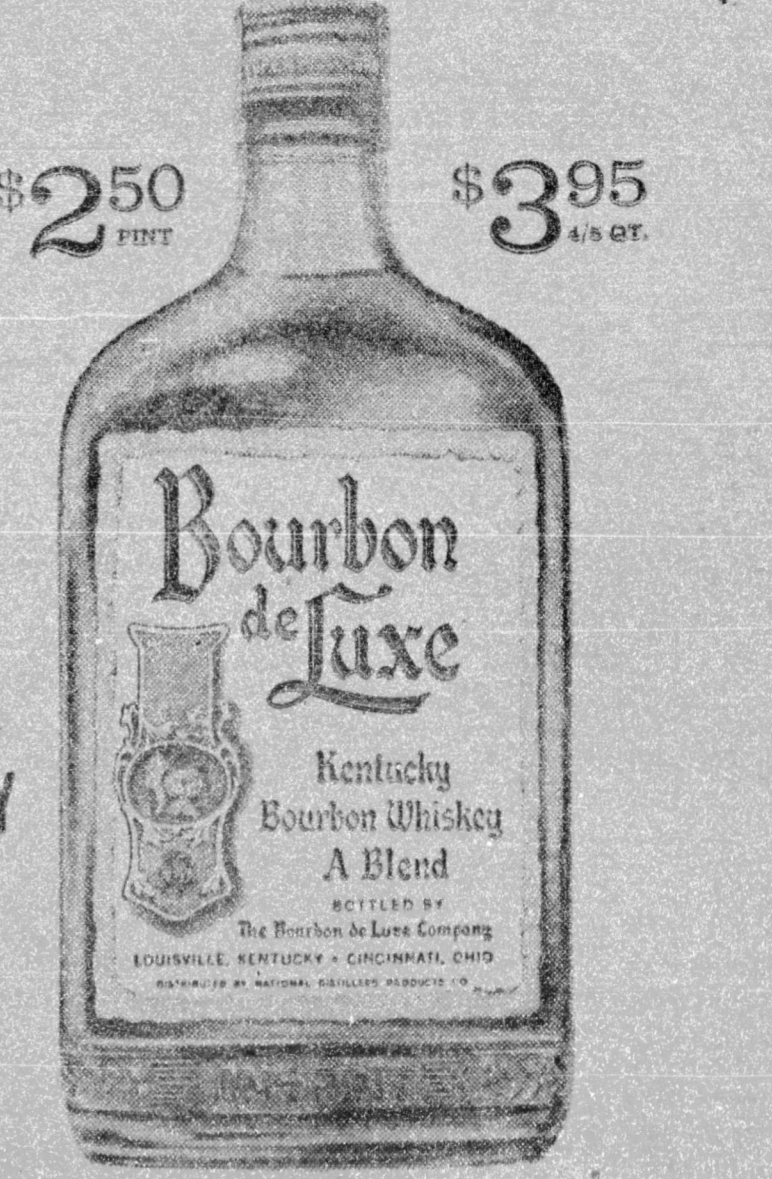
The Rams selected, among others, William Connors, Jackson State; Tom Campbell, Indiana; Ferris Moore, Alabama State; and Rafer Johnson, UCLA. The Rams are taking a long shot on Johnson, the world's decathlon champion, who has never played college football.

But Johnson, who played four sports in high school, is considered a formidable sprinter prospect.

Choices of the New York Giants included Ellison Kelly, Michigan State's star guard; George Scott, back, Miami (Ohio) university; and Dolphus Williams, Morgan State. Dolphus is a tackle, and the Giants' coaching staff must have remembered its success with Roosevelt Brown, another Morgan grad, who was a 27th draft choice but turned out to be one of the best offensive tackles in the pro ranks.



RING WASN'T BI GENOUGH—Referee Carmen Bart jumps in to separate Golden Gloves "champs" at Cleveland, Ohio Jan. 29. Seiko won the pull James Gordon and Bob Seiko back into the ring after the pair decision. (UPI TEL. PHOTO).



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