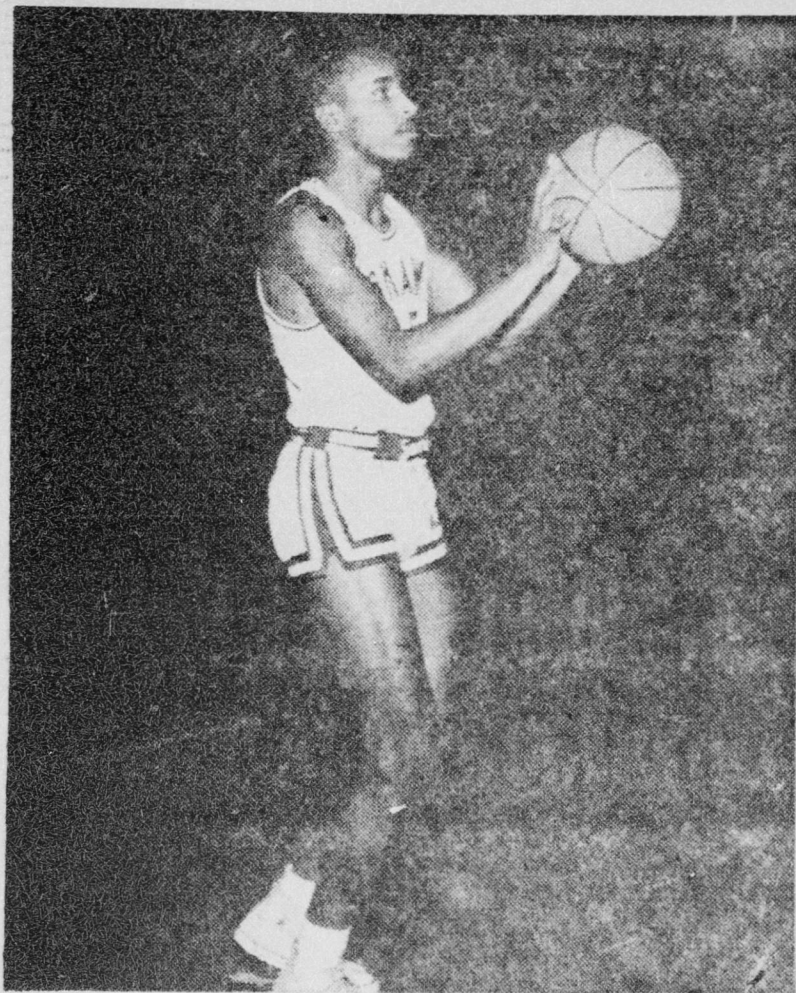


# Sugar Ray Makes A Point; Claims NBA Champ'ship



## Boxer Declares He Is Rightful Title Owner

LOS ANGELES (AP)—After a heartbreaking 15-round draw with Gene Fullmer officially kept him from winning the middleweight title for a record sixth time, an infuriated Sugar Ray Robinson declared here that he is the rightful National Boxing Association title, since he never lost the title "boxing" the recognized NBA champion.

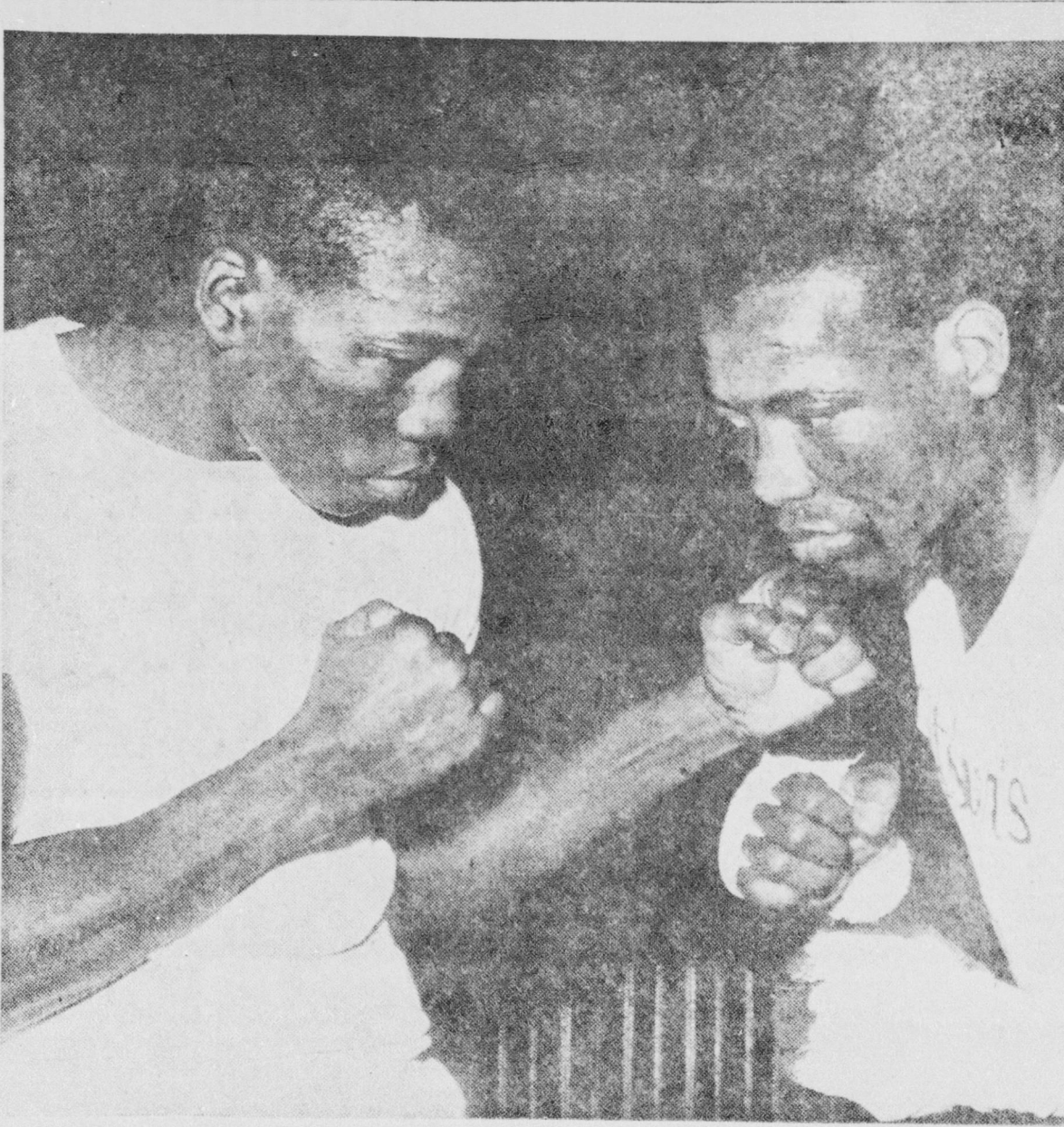
Sugar, whom ringsiders believed got a raw deal in the fight, makes an interesting point. He said: "Since I didn't lose the title boxing I feel that the draw with Fullmer gave me the right to claim the championship."

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BATTLE-READY—Ready for their title bout, welterweight champion Benny (Kid) Paret, left, and Federico Thompson of Argentina square off in New York City last week. They met for the title Saturday night in Madison Square Garden. Paret won the bout by decision of the judges. (UPI PHOTO.)

## BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER FOR AP

When one of his contemporaries in the National Basketball Association ridiculed Wilt Chamberlain for his inept foul shooting, the Big Dipper was inclined to agree that his performance was something on the seamy side.

After watching Wilt miss 18 out of 27 free throws, Dolph Schayes, of the Syracuse N.Y.s, an expert shotmaker from the charity stripe, commented:

**TROUBLES' PSYCHOLOGICAL.** Although he accepted Schayes' verbal taunts with a grain of salt, figuring they had more jaundice than actually they should, Wilt said: "Over the years I have been getting consistently worse. I used to make close to 80 per cent in high school. But even though I'm getting worse in fouls, I'm getting better from the floor. It must be mental."

But no one can say truthfully that Wilt has assumed a lackadaisical attitude about his poor record as a foul shooter. Chamberlain, who might be averaging better than 40 points per game with decent aim from the foul line instead of his last week's pace of 36, has another explanation. But solving the problem isn't as easy as it seems.

**TOO MUCH STRESS.** "On the shot I'm using off the backboards, I throw my thumb back to get English," he says. "Since I'm stressing my thumb more on the boards, I'm subconsciously stressing it more on the foul line, too. That's why my foul shot has all that English. But if I change my thumb position I might loose up my shots from the floor."

Both Eddie Gottlieb and coach Neil Johnson suggested recently that Wilt returned to the underhand foul shot he tested early this season.

"I was going pretty well with it," Chamberlain said. "But I quit because I was bending too deep on the foul line and I thought it was taking too much out of me. My legs were getting tired late in the game. I think I'll go back to it, though."

Chamberlain did, with better luck against the Cincinnati Royals. He draws cheers at Convention Hall in Philadelphia every time he converts from the free throw marker.

As basketball's greater performer and worst foul shooter, Wilt is dead earnest about making amends for his patent weakness. He is embarked now on a diligent campaign to improve his marksmanship at the line and has enlisted Warrior teammate Andy Johnson toward that end.

They have been matching foul shots in sustained practice sessions, at a dollar a throw.

One was suggested that if they keep up the personal competition at a dollar a shot through Christmas, Johnson will become the highest paid player in the NBA.

We have a notion that Wilt would want to see that happen.

**Wayne Bethea Victorious In 'Heavy Bout'**

CHICAGO (AP)—Wayne Bethea of New York, a leading heavyweight contender, scored a split 10-round decision over Ernest Terrell of Chicago in a bout at Marigold arena last week.

Terrell, a promising local fighter who graduated from the amateur ranks after winning the 1957 Chicago Golden Gloves light heavyweight championship, appeared to have had Bethea on the verge of a knockout in the fifth round. However, Wayne weathered the storm and finished strong.

Betha received the votes of the referee and one judge. The other judge voted for Terrell.

The bout was witnessed by a small ringside crowd.

JAMES FOX 6' 4 1/2", 190-lb forward, sophomore of Washington, D. C., led the Shaw University Bears against Virginia State recently. Fox led the Bears in scoring last year with a 15.8 average. Virginia State won the game, 58-52.

## Aggies Whip Elizabeth City Cagers, 94-66 In 1st Game

GREENSBORO—The A&T College Aggies turned back Elizabeth City State Teachers College, 94-66, in a CIAA basketball opener played here recently at the Charles Moore Gymnasium.

Apparently plagued with opening eight jitters, the Aggies were held to a single point lead, 24-23, 10 minutes of play.

Big Frank Turner, a 6-6, senior center from Richmond, Va., came off the bench to spark A&T to its initial win. Turner dumped in three straight field

goals and a free throw to electrify the crowd and to send his team off winning. That spurt gave the Aggies a 10-point advantage at halftime, 40-30.

By midway the second period, the Aggies had built up a 24-point lead at 33-49 in a scoring drive spearheaded by Herb Gray, 6-5, forward who led the scoring for both teams with 25 points for the evening.

Three other Aggies hit in double figures, including: Walt Holtzclaw with 18, Hank Marshall with 16 and Turner at 15 points.

Cameron Curtis was high scorer for the Teachers with 20 points. Besides Gray's hot shooting, he drew wild applause for his efficiency on the backboards in wiping off 30 rebounds during the game.

The Teachers played without the services of their ace, Marv Trotters who holds the conference scoring record for a single game and who last year averaged better than 20 points per game. He suffered a minor injury in the game the night before.

made good with the Harlem Globetrotters and then came back last week to thrill hometown fans at the Olympia Arena.

Summons is the ace dribbler of the Trotters team; a worthy successor to Marcus Haynes, who was acclaimed the world's greatest ball manipulator while with the Harlem team several years ago. Summons seemed to have succeeded Haynes in that role.

Murphy showed off his wares here as the Trotters played the Washington General in an exhibition in the arena.

For a fellow who never played college basketball, Summons has done quite well. With the Trotters for eight years, he graduated from the team's farm system four years ago. He now is considered to be one of the best performers on the funmaking squad.

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## Hampton Pirates Open Yr. By Losing To Union, 72-65

HAMPTON, Va.—The Hampton Institute Pirates opened their '60-'61 cage season last week with a potentially impressive team losing to the strong Virginia Union aggregation, 72-65 in Richmond, Va.

Mistakes marred the Pirates intentions as the Panthers outscored and outrebounded their visitors from the onset of the game. The return of Eddie Simmons to the Panther lineup was more than emphasized as he combined his floor antics with the scoring of Bruce Spraggins.

Spraggins led both teams in scoring with 26 points followed by the Pirates Walter Ward with 22.

It wasn't until late in the second half that Hampton was able to meet the Panthers, basket for basket, and break a 12-point deficit. This rally fell short as the buzzer sounded leaving the spoils to the victor, the Union Panthers.

The Pirates hosted North Carolina College, Monday, Dec. 5. A fine team effort bolted the Pirates into the winning column with a 71-60 victory. It was the explosiveness of forward Carlton Smith that showed the way as he dropped 6 of the first 7 baskets.

Although Smith was set for a scoring rampage, he accumulated fouls that forced him to the bench leaving him 14 points, at half time.

The Eagles, behind 4-6 after ten minutes of play, had closed the gap 30-27 at halftime. Bouncing back strong they grabbed a 45-42 lead only to have it whitewashed as captain Fuzzy Ward of the Pirates amazed the crowd driving a-

round the Eagles to make two seemingly impossible baskets that put the Pirates out front to stay.

Reserve Arnold Barkers, who combined his scoring and rebounding, dropped in two timely baskets that cut the N. C. rally short. The

Eagles 6'7" center, John Jones was never liberated as he was only able to score 7 points. James McMillan was high point man for the Eagles with 14, but scoring honors of the game were shared by Walter Ward and Carlton Smith of the Pirates, both of whom had 20 points.

Winston-Salem Teachers Pirates defeated Saint Augustine's College, 67-56, in a CIAA basketball game here last Thursday night.

Led by Cleo Hill, the visitors from Winston-Salem pulled into a 39-30 lead at halftime and held off a threat in the second half by the Falcons and went on to win. Saint Augustine's cut the lead to two points in the second half but never caught up.

Hill pumped in 26 points for scoring honors. Evan Belton led the Falcons with 7, Alfred Glover had 14 and William Baxter 13.

Saint Augustine's record is now 0-2. It was Winston-Salem's first conference game.

Winston-Salem Teachers: Cleo Hill 26, Muntero 14, Gill 12, Riley 2, Parker 1, subs: Hood 2, Williams 7, Johnson 3.

Saint Augustine's: Belton 17, Glover 14, Baxter 13, Henderson 5, Lindsey 7, subs: Randle.

## Predict Successful Cage Year For Grambling College Squad

BY COLLIE J. NICHOLSON

GRAMBLING, La. (AP)—Coach Fred Hobby will greet this sentiment with brooding suspicion, but not nothing short of famine and pestilence can prevent his Grambling Tigers from enjoying another banner basketball campaign.

In studying the national small-college picture, Grambling looks auspicious.

Numerally and physically the team strikes a note of uniform power and should experience little difficulty rolling to another season of

Southwestern Conference domination.

Since he got his first chance as head coach four years ago, the Hobby Basketball Savings and Loan Association has forced area seers to discard crystal balls for roulette wheels by winning 105 of 124 games and two SWAC titles.

The imaginative coach won 28 straight games before suffering a single setback in '59 and capped another fine season last year by winning 26 to 31 outings to advance into the quarterfinal round of the NAIA tournament in Kansas City.

Grambling lost to Southwest Texas State, the eventual NAIA winner, but calculating opponents say it is foolhardy to pick against Hobby's cartel this winter.

Grambling will break the seal on a new deck of cards with six lettermen, including two all-Americans, and strong first-year replacements ready to file their candidacy for jobs.

The Tigers will play a tough 26-game card.

More than 75 per cent of the counties in the U. S. are taking part in the brucellosis eradication program, reports USDA.

## Scout's Hunch On T. Dean Pays Off For The Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—If the Philadelphia Eagles win the National Football League's Eastern Division crown this winter, it will be due largely to two men-back Ted Dean and scout Frank (Buck) Kilroy.

Dean is one of the most outstanding performers on the rampaging Eagles team and Kilroy is the man who recommended him to general manager Vince McNally, with the comment: "He is the best college

back I've seen all year . . . grab him."

McNally followed the scout's advice and grabbed the 22-year-old Dean as the Eagles fourth 1959 draft choice. He stuck with him even after some mysterious figure in the College All-Star camp advised that Ted wouldn't make it as a pro.

McNally's confidence in Dean was rewarded as the rookie turned out to be one of the leading stars on the title-conscious Eagles team.

## Ernest Ladd Of Grambling Named "Lineman Of Yr."

BY COLLIE J. NICHOLSON

GRAMBLING, La. (Special)—Ernest Ladd, a 285-pounder of amazingly mobile immovable object, is the "lineman-of-the-year" in the Southwestern Conference.

The 6-9 Grambling College tackle had to beat out Willie Richardson of Jackson State, who made 45 effortless pass receptions for 1,067 yards, to earn the distinction.

They turned the balloting into a two-man race, but Ladd's hair-broomed aggressiveness on offense and discouraging vigor on defense earned the top spot.

Widely acclaimed in a league noted for brassbound line play, the rugged Grambling junior is steaming full-throttle on the All-American grade.

He meets the most exacting specifications for professional football, and scouts and experts contend that the 21-year-old giant is aggressive and good enough to earn steady employment on any team in the NFL or AFL.

Ladd has everything a good line-man needs—speed, agility, size, endurance, killer instinct and good team spirit.

Area seismographs vibrate each time he takes the field as he wears a size 17 EEE shoe.



UP AND OVER — New York Giants' Mel Triplett (33) dives over Dallas Cowboys' Don Bishop (44) for an eight yard gain before being stopped by John Gonzaga (76) and Jerry Tubbs (Beland Triplett) of Dallas, in the 3rd quarter. New York and Dallas battled to a 31-31 tie at Yankee Stadium before 55,000 fans. (UPI PHOTO.)

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