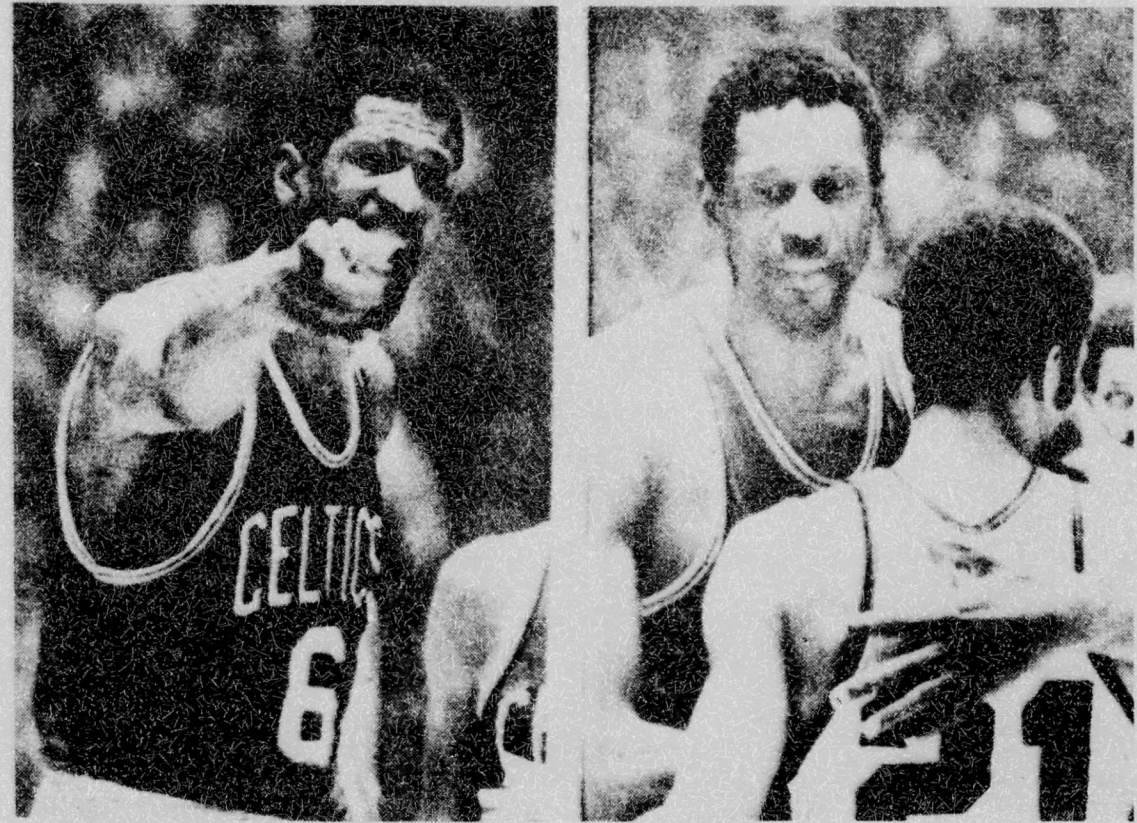


FIGHT OVER LOOSE BALL-Celtics-76ers-Playoffs-Philadelphia: Boston's Sam Jones (24) and Philadelphia's Matt Guokas fight over a loose ball here April 4, during the first period of play. (UPI).



ANGRY AND COMPASSIONATE RUSSELL-Celtics-76ers-Philadelphia: There was an angry Bill Russell and a compassionate Bill Russell, shown at left with his arm around the 76ers' Archie Clark (21) as the Celtics continued to dominate the 76ers, eliminating them from the NBA playoffs in Phila., 93-90. (UPI).

Publicity Group Elects Moore

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Richard E. Moore, public information director of the CIAA Sports Information Directors Association at the first Annual session; Ralph Jones, chairman of Northern division; Mrs. Thelma Dix, Delaware State College, publicity chairman;

Walter Jones, Livingstone College, treasurer; and Floyd Johnson, Hampton Institute, secretary.

Guest consultant at the meeting was Jack Zane, sports information director at George Washington University. The C-

IAA SIDA voted to increase efforts to strengthen the overall sports publicity within the predominantly - Negro conference. The group also decided to admit members of the working press and sports editors of college papers as associate members.

Walton To Be NFL's First Black Q. B.

BY JOHN T. WILLIAMS
ELIZABETH CITY - Johnny Walton, All - CIAA quarterback of the Elizabeth City State College Vikings, was signed by pro - scout, Paul "Tank" Younger, of the Los Angeles Rams football team, as a quarterback last week.

Younger, in signing Walton as a free agent, stated, "Although we have other quarterbacks with experience, we are signing Johnny only as a "quarterback." We have seen him in action, and we feel that he can develop into a star performer for our football team."

The Rams, in signing Walton, became the first team in the NFL to sign a black quarterback as a quarterback from a predominantly Black College. Younger hastens to add that, "We didn't sign him just to say that we have one, but Walton's demonstrated ability to throw the long and short passes accurately as a quarterback was developed at ECSC in the promold. That is our only reason for signing him."

The Rams, in following Walton's development as a quarterback, took note of his performance. Younger stated that, "Johnny brings with him an amazing statistical record, despite his having piloted an offensively "conservative" team at ECSC which balances the running and passing games."

In recalling a recent game, the pro - scout remarked, "Especially was Johnny's performance superb in the East - West Shrine Bowl Game at Raleigh, in which he tossed two TD passes in six minutes, and the two incomplete passes, though dropped by the receivers, were on target." Walton was selected as the game's outstanding offensive player.

Prior to the signing, the Rams were surprised when they were informed by Coach Tom Caldwell that his trusted arm and cool ball handler, Johnny Walton, had not been signed. "This young man from Elizabeth City's P. W. Moore High School and State College surely merits the chance to play in the NFL," Younger felt.

He continued by reminding, however, that, "Whether Walton makes it or not will depend upon his desire to play with the greatest of all the football players in the world, the pros."

"We will give Walton every chance to prove himself, with the hope that the guidance of our coaching staff will enable Johnny to eventually justify our faith in him," Younger assured. Coach Caldwell stated that, "We were quite fortunate at Elizabeth City State College to recruit Johnny, and, in our small way were able to bring him along slowly, but definitely, with a career in professional football in mind for him."

Walton, a quiet, soft - spoken, and modest individual, remarked, "I have always wanted the opportunity to play in the NFL. We go first-class at Elizabeth City State College and, I have heard that this is also the case in the NFL. I owe a lot of credit to a lot of people but, most of all, I owe this great opportunity to ECSC, my teammates, and the dedicated coaching staff." Thus, as the racial barriers fall, this is certainly a dream come true for the lanky, 6-2, 185 - pound Walton.

Elvin Hayes' Shot Aids Team Win

SAN DIEGO - A daring feat of hitting an 18-foot bank shot at the buzzer here Friday night gave the San Diego Rockets a 114-112 victory over the Atlanta Hawks. The man who made the shot was Elvin Hayes. This move tied the National Basketball Association's Western Division semi-fn. playoff series at two games each.

Hayes' desperation shot came after Atlanta's Joe Caldwell knotted the score with a stuff shot with two seconds left on the clock.

The Rockets and Hawks play the fifth game of the best of seven series Sunday in Atlanta.

Hayes scored 30 points to lead the Rockets, while Walt Hazzard's 34 points kept Atlanta in front most of the first half and part of the second in the see - saw battle.

Hayes was aided by another Rocket rookie, Rick Adelman, in the final minute of play.

Adelman thrilled the crowd of 12,237 with a twisting lay up, then hit two free throws second later to put the Rockets ahead before the Hawks' Caldwell nearly won it for Atlanta.

Rocket forward John Block, who came off the bench to lead the Rockets to their first victory Tuesday night, had a 12 point second quarter as San Diego wiped out a ten point Atlanta lead in the first half.

The Rockets enjoyed their biggest lead - 12 points - after four minutes of the fourth quarter on baskets by Pat Riley, Stulantz, Toby Kimball and a three point play by Hayes.

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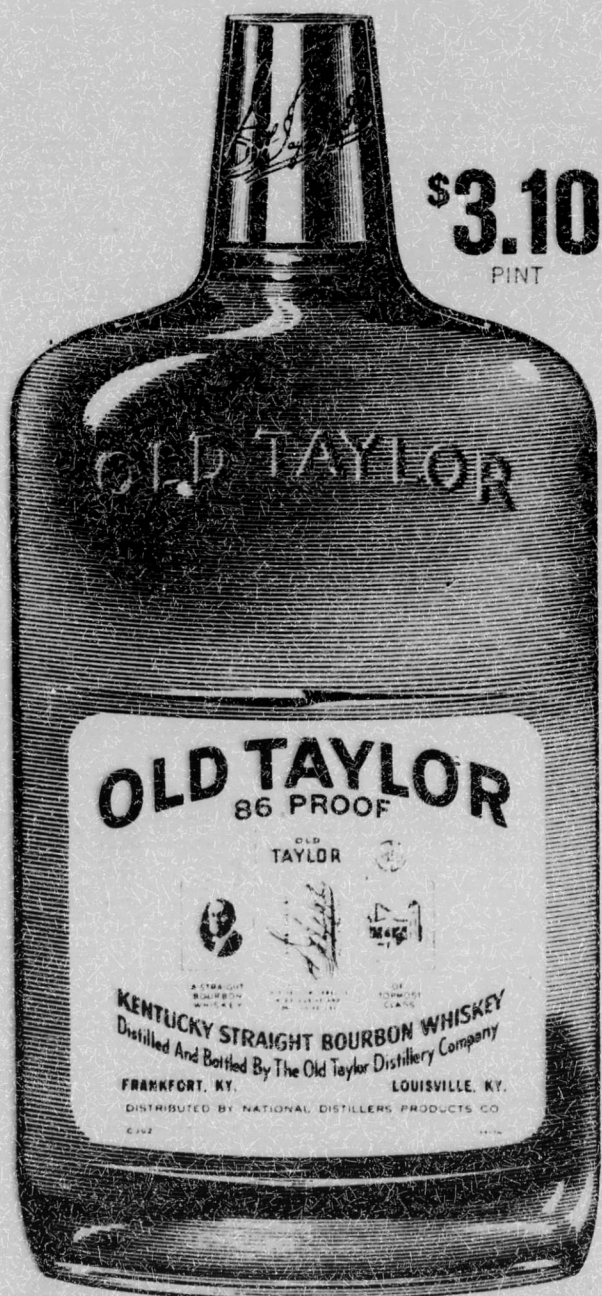
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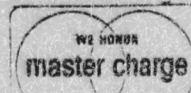
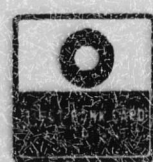


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