

# Bill Russell Laments Image Of Today's Black Athletes

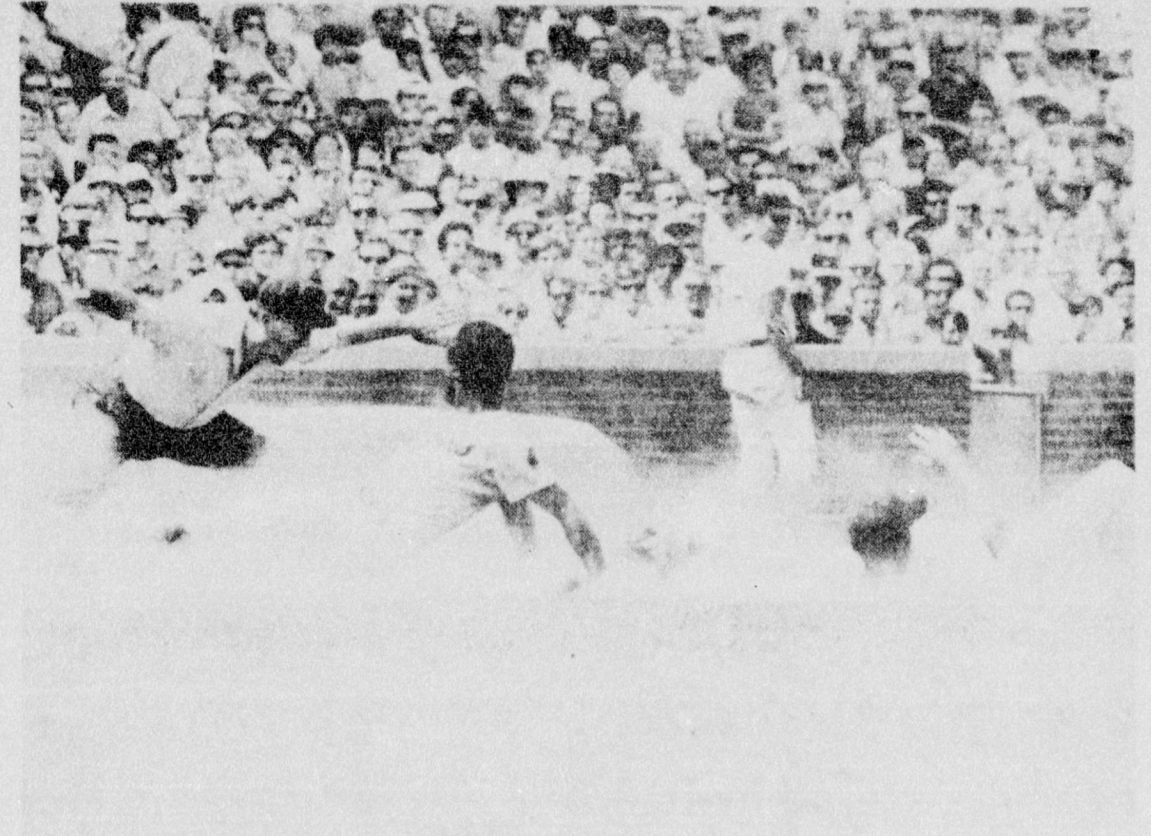
## "They Are Treated Like Girls- Nobody Cares What They Think"

BY CHIP KAUFMAN  
NEW YORK, N. Y.—A dominant figure in college and professional basketball for the past two decades, Bill Russell laments the image of black athletes in American society. "They are treated like a beautiful girl. Nobody cares what they think."

But more and more, black athletes are speaking their minds and people are beginning to listen. Four outstanding black athletes and the leader of the black protest during the 1968 Olympics spoke out about racial

discrimination in athletes today on NET's "Black Journal", Monday, July 27 at 9 p.m. Besides Russell, others appearing on the program are Jackie Robinson, who broke baseball's color barrier when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1946; Arthur Ashe, America's top-ranked tennis star; Johnny Sample, a defensive stalwart for the New York Jets; and Harry Edwards, organizer of the black protest during the 1968 Olympics and lecturer in sociology at Cornell University. In other segments: "Black Journal" takes a look at the

efforts of black and Puerto Ricans in the Transit Workers Union in New York City to oust the union leadership and elect leadership more representative of racial minorities; Charles Hamilton, professor of political science at Columbia University, comments on news of the black movement in the past decade and its political implications for the 1970s; and singer-composer John Lee Hooker sings blues music he has recorded since the 1950s, and comments on the nature of his blues.



EIGHT INNING ACTION-Chicago: Henry Aaron slides in safe at third base on hit by Orlando Cepeda in the 8th inning of game at Wrigley Field July 25. Umpire Chris Pelekoudas makes the call at third as Ron Santo falls flat while taking throw from Cubs' left fielder, Billy Williams. Braves won, 9-0. (UPI).



The Playground Slow-Pitch Softball Championships were all but rained out last week at Lions Park. The only game played was in the girls' 15 and under. That contest saw Fuller playground soundly trounce Biltmore, 23-9. Worthdale versus Carolina Pines, and Jaycee A versus Halifax are semi-final games to play in the boys' 15 and under division. The only other division to be completed is the girls' 12 and under, where Phillips playground edged Fred Olds, 19-18, for the title.

At Chavis Park, your assistance is needed in forming a Pee Wee and Midget football program this fall. Program requirements are the outfitting of two rosters of twenty boys each, and insurance, all of which is costly. To defray this cost, the program needs your financial assistance. Football shows a youngster the importance to teamwork necessary for the successful operation of any efficient unit. It also gives him an opportunity to contribute his special skills and prepare for a possible future in athletics, whose rewards could be many. Those interested in these football programs should see Leon Owens or Walter Browning or call either 755-6988 or 755-6989.

The 3-man basketball standings look pretty much the same. The Chavis Cougars are still in front with two victories this past week, pushing their record to 9-0. The Panthers were the victims in both Cougar contests, losing 78-54 and 68-40. Jerald Hinton took the scoring honors for the Cougars in the first contest, ripping the nets for 36 points. His Cougar teammate, Larry Barnes, who saw action in only the third and fourth quarters, chipped in 22. The Trojans managed to hold on to second place, although they were defeated by the third-place club this past week. The Trojans were 2-1 on the week, with victories over the Bucks and the Royals with their lone defeat coming at the hands of the Blue Colts. The Trojans slapped a 134-46 shellacking on the Bucks as Charles Muldrow led all scorers with a 52 point performance. His teammate, C. Burt, added 48 as the Trojans looked unstoppable. The Blue Colts stopped them, however, in their next game, 102-74. C. Burt managed 40 points for the Trojans. Fred Hinton and Lindsey Avery took the scoring honors for the Blue Colts, with 38 points each. The Trojans rebounded, but got a victory the easy way by forfeit, thanks to the Royals, giving them an over-all record of 6 wins and one loss. The Blue Colts are alone in third place

with a 5-0 record, but haven't played enough games to overtake the Trojans.

Other games around the league were forfeitures. Neither team showed in the Black Soul vs. Bucks tilt, and the other scheduled Panthers versus Cougars game.

The Little Leaguers bowed to the weatherman this past week as the rains came. No games were played in either the J. K. Massenberg Little Baseball League or the C. E. Lightner Little Baseball League. All those games rained out will not be rescheduled according to League official, Leon Owens.

Only two games are scheduled in the Little Leagues this week. Those games are: Mechanics and Farmers vs. Method in the J. K. Massenberg Little League, which is to be played at the Biltmore Hills Ball Field July 30 at 8 p.m., and Chavis Heights vs. Hall Beauty game at Roberts Park in the C. E. Lightner Little League with game time set at 6:30 p.m.

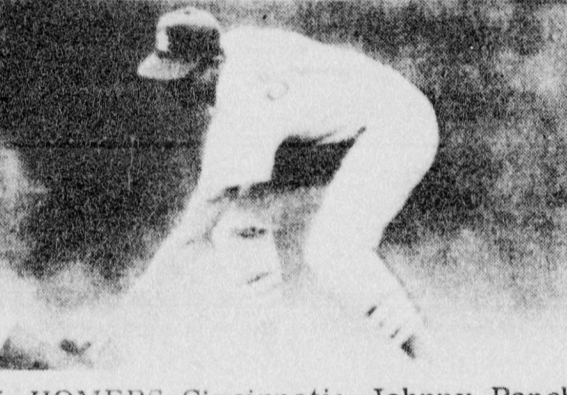
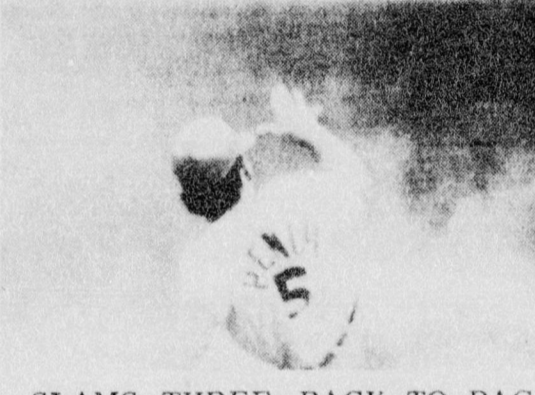
The Women's Softball schedule features only one game this week. The Raleigh Women's All-Stars will face the Chavis Heights Braves at Chavis Park July 29. Game time is 8 p.m.

That's it on the recreational scene.

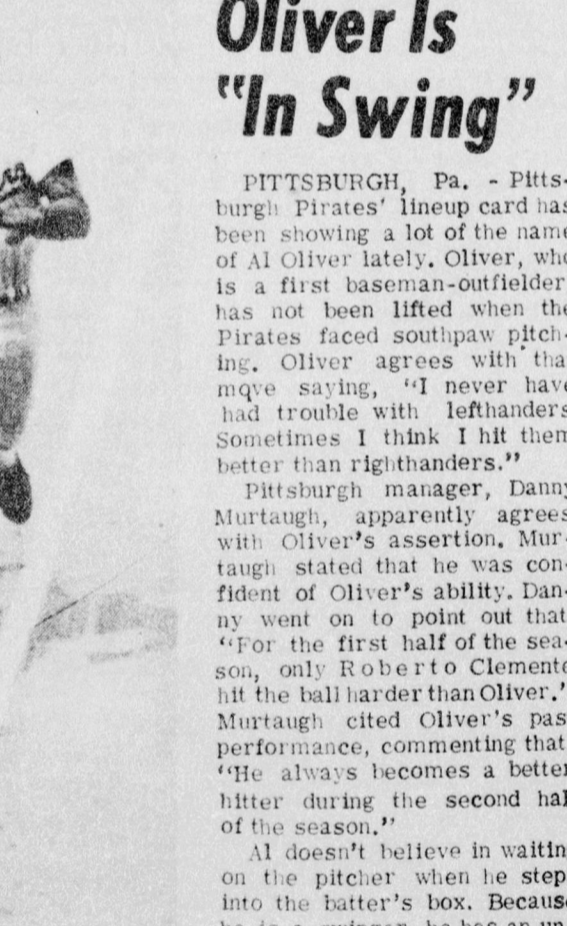
Maybe the weather will be a little kinder to the ballplayers this week.

### Willie Davis Likes The Artificial Turf

LOS ANGELES—The artificial turf on the Dodgers' home ground, Chavez Ravine, seems to be to Willie Davis' liking. In a stretch where the Dodgers won 10 of 12 on the artificial surface Davis batted an amazing .491. Willie said of his success, "... If I keep the ball on the ground, I have a good chance of getting a hit." Davis seems to be getting quite a few hits. He has hit safely exactly 109 times through the fourth week of July in 358 trips to the plate for a .304 batting mark. Maury Wills, an old Dodger stalwart, views Davis' success this way. Maury says, "The entire thing is psychological with Willie. He just thinks he can hit on the artificial grass, so he does." Davis is collecting hits at a faster pace than last season, and he may eclipse his career high average of last year of .311. Willie said of the brisk pace, "Don't ask me to explain it because I can't." The Dodgers don't need an explanation with Willie Davis' "Hot Bat."



SLAMS THREE BACK-TO-BACK HOMERS—Cincinnati: Johnny Bench dominated the game here July 26 as the Reds' catcher, playing left field to rest a "tired" back, slammed out three back-to-back homers to pace the Reds to a 12-5 win over St. Louis. Bench gets his first homer (UL), scores the second time and is greeted by Pete Rose (UR). At bottom, Bench is tagged out by Ed Crosby as he tried to stretch a single into a double his fourth time at bat. (UPI).



WILLIS DAVIS HOMERS AGAINST METS—New York: L. A. Dodgers' Willie Davis is congratulated by teammate Wes Parker after homering in first inning against the N. Y. Mets July 25. (UPI).

### Bulldogs To Play 10-Game Football Schedule In '70

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—With the addition of two conference opponents, South Carolina State College will play a 10-game football slate this coming season. Joining the Bulldogs in Group 1 of the SIAC in the fall will be Alabama State University and Tuskegee Institute. The Bulldogs will host Alabama State for their home opener Sept. 26 in Orangeburg and will tangle with Tuskegee in Tuskegee, Ala., Oct. 10. Other opponents include powerful North Carolina A&T, and strong Florida A&M, plus Morris Brown, Johnson C. Smith, Bethune-Cookman, Alabama A&M, Savannah State and Albany State. Coached by Oree Banks, the Bulldogs finished last season with a 5-3-1 record. If key personnel remain free from injuries, the Bulldogs will be strong contenders for the elusive SIAC crown. Offensively, the team will be built around two quarterbacks - sophomore Benjamin Samuels and junior Brito Benjamin. Samuels throws the long bomb and Benjamin is a whiz at guiding the ground attack as well as passing. Ends Ervin Beale, Al Young are expected to sparkle this season. The defense will be led by defensive back Carlton Taylor and the line will be keyed by ends Louis Ross and Robert Davis and tackles Barney Chavous and James Evans. Assisting Banks with the coaching will be Fred Collins, Melvin Pete, James Carson and Willie Simon.

### Oliver Is "In Swing"

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - Pittsburgh Pirates' lineup card has been showing a lot of the name of Al Oliver lately. Oliver, who is a first baseman-outfielder, has not been lifted when the Pirates faced southpaw pitching. Oliver agrees with that move saying, "I never have had trouble with left-handers. Sometimes I think I hit them better than righthanders." Pittsburgh manager, Danny Murtaugh, apparently agrees with Oliver's assertion. Murtaugh stated that he was confident of Oliver's ability. Danny went on to point out that, "For the first half of the season, only Roberto Clemente hit the ball harder than Oliver." Murtaugh cited Oliver's past performance, commenting that, "He always becomes a better hitter during the second half of the season."

Al doesn't believe in waiting on the pitcher when he steps into the batter's box. Because he is a swinger, he has an uncanny record, being hit by eight pitches and drawing a scant four walks in 280 at-bats.

Oliver, who has put on a good surge at the plate since the All-Star break, believes he has solved one of his problems at the plate. He crowded the plate, but he has decided to dig in a couple of inches farther away from it. As Oliver sees it, "I had to make an adjustment, I was getting jammed by too many pitches. I'm seeing the ball better now."

Al is seeing the ball fine alright, as he is hitting at .269 at present, and driving toward the .300 mark that he once said he couldn't reach because he wasn't a regular. Now that problem is solved, here comes Al Oliver.

### Don Buford's Bat Stops M. Rettenmund

BALTIMORE, Md. - Baltimore fans had been clamoring for Merv Rettenmund to be used as a regular. Merv had showed both power and consistency at the plate, but there was a glaring problem that the fans' plea presented. Where was Rettenmund to play? The fans thought they had the answer early this season when Don Buford, the Oriole left-fielder was batting a scant .225. This put Oriole skipper, Earl Weaver, on the spot. Weaver responded by saying, "Donny will be hitting .285 by July 1." Buford didn't fall the Oriole pilot in making his prediction come true.

### Help Offered On Athletic Fields

Every North Carolina school that has an athletic team should also have a good athletic field. Two men who believe strongly in the above statement are Drs. Car. T. Blake and William B. Gilbert, agronomists at North Carolina State University.

To help Tar Heel schools have a good athletic field, Blake and Gilbert have prepared a free publication on turf for athletic fields. They describe how to design football fields, baseball fields and general playgrounds for best survival of the grass. They tell how to prepare the soil and care for the grass, and they outline the best grasses for the Mountains, Piedmont and Coastal Plain. Copies of the publication are available from local offices of the Agricultural Extension Service, or by writing to the Department of Agricultural Information, N. C. State University, Raleigh, N. C. Blake and Gilbert stress that a good turf is going to depend on the grass used, the design and construction of the field, good soil drainage, adequate fertilizer and proper manage-

ment. "Whenever possible the fields should be laid out with the main axis running north and south," they said. Among their other tips for maintaining a good turf are these: Make only minimum use of the field when it is wet. Rotate the playing areas to give worn spots a rest. Avoid concentrated, heavy use such as comes with band practice. Don't use a new turf before the grass is well established. Keep off the turf when it is partially thawed.

### Twins 'Blade' Mows 'Em Down

TWIN CITIES, Minn.—Thomas Edward Hall, who is also known as "The Blade" because of his slight stature, is doing quite a job in a relief role for the Twins this year. Hall was born in Thomasville, N. C., but four years after his birth moved to Riverside, California where he now resides. In Tom's early years, he played first base, and provided a fairly difficult target for his teammates to hit at the bag. It wasn't Hall's slender physique that prompted his move to the pitchers mound, but what happened to his legs to the plate. His southpaw throws seemed to tail off at the last moment, keeping his catcher pretty busy. Tom's coach laid down the

law, telling him to throw straight. Hall replied that he was doing just that, and suddenly his pitching career got its start as he was moved from first to the mound. Today, Hall is a professional ballplayer with the Minnesota Twins, who surly don't regret Tom's move to the pitching rubber. At the All-Star Break Hall was fanning batsman more often than the innings he had pitched. "The Blade" in fact lead Minnesota's pitching staff with 69 strikeouts in only 57 1/3 innings pitched. Hall said of his strikeouts, "I don't know why I'm striking out more, now, I'm not heavier, or stronger."

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