

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

Baylor returns to lineup as Lakers post win

By United Press International
The presence of one man—Los Angeles' Elgin Baylor—and the absence of another—Boston's Bill Russell—made a difference in two key National Basketball Association games Wednesday night.

Baylor, playing his first league game since being recalled into the Army on Jan. 2, scored 38—backing up Jerry West's 50 points—and the Lakers defeated their nearest Western Division rivals, the Cincinnati Royals, 136-123.

Russell, the 6-foot-10 leaper who probably ranks as the top defensive man—and one of the top rebounders—in basketball was missing from the Celtic lineup with an injury as Boston lost its first game of the year to St. Louis, 135-126.

In Other Action

In the other NBA action, Wilt Chamberlain took more shots in one quarter than any other player in the history of the league—an even 20—made a few of them, and ended up with 55 points to lead Philadelphia over the Chicago Packers, 122-108; and the Detroit Pistons handed the Syracuse Nationals their fifth straight loss, 111-102.

West, the only guard to score 30 points or more in the NBA this season, did it for the second time Wednesday night. However, most of the 7,275 fans that turned up at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles came to see Baylor.

"You don't know what he means to our ball club," insisted Laker coach Fred Schaus. "He makes our lineup so flexible we can use anyone anywhere."

The victory helped cool off the Royals, who had cut the Laker lead over them to 6½ games from a full 9. Los Angeles is now 7½ ahead of the Royals, who got a 32-point effort from Oscar Robertson.

Bob Pettit scored 28 for the Hawks, who got 39 points in each of the last two quarters to overtake Boston. Lt. Len Wilkins, like Baylor on leave from the Army, scored 22 for St. Louis. Five men had 19 points or more for the Celtics—topped by Tom Heinsohn's 28—but without Russell the Eastern Division leaders couldn't stop the Hawk offense.

Chamberlain's total of 20 shots in the third period was two higher than the former NBA record of 18 field goal attempts set by Baylor last season. Wilt made 8 of those shots and enough others to lead Philly over Chicago for the seventh straight time.

Syracuse, which a few days ago was riding along with a seven-game win streak, got within two points of Detroit, 89-87, midway in the fourth period. But Jackie Moreland hit a free throw and three baskets to put the Pistons far in front.

Eastern Division			
	W	L	Pct
Boston	38	10	.792
Philadelphia	31	21	.596
Syracuse	23	28	.451
New York	16	32	.333
Western Division			
	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	37	15	.712
Cincinnati	29	22	.569
Detroit	22	29	.431
St. Louis	20	32	.385
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One of them was Elroy Face of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who slipped to a 6-12 record in the bullpen last season after an extraordinary 18-1 mark the year before.

Takes Pay Cut

Face, tagged for 12 home runs last season, said he was through "taking his licks" from rival hitters, but he did have to take a slight cut on his 1962 contract.

Outfielder Gus Bell, pitcher Craig Anderson and catcher Clarence Coleman returned their signed contracts to the New York Mets, who now have satisfied 14 of their players for the coming season, while the Cleveland Indians announced that outfielder Tito Francona was their 15th signing.

The Chicago Cubs, first major league club to sign all their players the past two years, look as if they'll make it three in a row with 31 men under contract already. Rookie pitchers George Gerberman and Wayne Carlander were the latest to agree to terms. Only six Cubs remain unsigned.

The San Francisco Giants corralled three rookie pitchers—right-handers Ray Feldman, Paul Colacchessi and Matt Gayeski.

Finals cut down on hoop action

By United Press International
Finals have severely cut down the West Coast basketball action so far this week, but the tempo starts to pick up this weekend.

Stanford, dark horse in the Big Five chase, journeys to Seattle to take on Washington twice. University of Southern California split its two games in Seattle so the series will provide an interesting comparison between the Cards and Trojans.

Once-beaten Oregon State, possessor of the finest record among major coast teams, has a tough fight scheduled for Saturday when it hosts Seattle. The Chiefs take on Oregon Friday.

UCLA hosts Texas Tech for a pair of weekend tilts. Although the Southwest has no nationally ranked powerhouses this year, Texas Tech is probably as good as any team in the area.

The West Coast Athletic Conference teams will be idle until next week's between semesters period, when many league games are scheduled plus a tough contest on Tuesday between Stanford and Santa Clara.

Bucks respond to big crowd with triumph

By United Press International
Can ten thousand Portland hockey fans be wrong? Not this season.

The ten thousand plus 361—Portland's second largest home crowd of the season—showed up Wednesday night and the Bucks responded by tipping Edmonton in overtime, 6-5, and increasing their command of the Western Hockey League's Southern Division to 14 points.

The meeting was a clash of divisional leaders—Edmonton heads the Northern Division by a slim margin over Calgary.

Calgary lost a chance to reduce that margin when the Stampedeers bowed to San Francisco, 5-2, to take their fifth shellacking in six run-ins with the Southern Division cellar-dwelling Seals.

Portland's win came in a tense overtime period with Art Jones getting the winning goal off the leg of an Edmonton skater.

Jones picked up another goal and two assists in leading Portland to its fourth win in six shots at Edmonton. Arnie Schmutz also tallied twice for the Buckaroos.

In sweeping a two-game series with Calgary, the Seals unleashed a four-goal burst in the second period and blanked the Stampedeers until six and one-half minutes of the second frame had elapsed.

Al Nicholson scored a pair for San Francisco, which was without the services of scoring ace Nick Mickoski. Mickoski injured his elbow in Tuesday night's game.

Calgary is at Los Angeles in the only game tonight.

Detroit selects new grid boss

DETROIT (UPD)—The University of Detroit named John Idzik head football coach Wednesday but indicated the sport may be on the way out at the university unless the Titans get better support at the box office.

Idzik, 33, a University of Maryland graduate, was named to succeed Jim Miller, who resigned earlier this week to accept the head football post at Boston College.

In moving up from the backfield coach to the head coaching job, Idzik was authorized to name one full-time and two part-time coaches to his staff.

Two other assistants, Robert Hicks and Joseph Clark, were handed new contracts.

The warning that Detroit's football program is not on solid ground came from Dr. Laurence Britt, university president.

He said "every effort will be made to establish football on a permanent basis" but pointed out that community support of the Titans in recent years had not been sufficient to insure continuation of football indefinitely.

Roger Maris hanging tough, turns down \$60,000 offer

By Milton Richman
UPI Staff Writer

Strangers get Roger Maris' autograph for nothing but the New York Yankees can't get it even for \$60,000.

They tried Wednesday and got nowhere when baseball's new home run king paid an unexpected visit to their office, stayed only 10 minutes and then departed without signing after asking for \$70,000.

"We were friends when I came in and were still friends when I came out," said Maris about his brief conference with general manager Roy Hamey.

"I'm not going to discuss my salary publicly," he added. "Whatever comes out will have to come from the Yankees."

Maris received \$42,000 from the Yankees last year and has been offered an \$18,000 raise.

Hamey, a good businessman and an eminently fair one, undoubtedly is trying to get the fact across that the Yankees are perfectly willing to reward their players, but prefer to do so over a period of years.

He can cite the case of Mickey Mantle and explain to Maris how it took Mickey 10 years with the club to earn the \$82,000 he will draw for the coming season.

Maris, no slouch in the business league himself, has a formidable argument in rebuttal.

He's in a position to say, "I've been with this club two seasons and I've won the most valuable player award both years, so why is it necessary for me to wait so many years for my money?"

A handful of players on other major league clubs did agree to terms Wednesday.

Decision taken by Jose Lopez

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Without even saying so much as "pardon my glove," Jose (Toluc) Lopez used his pair of Mexican-made mitts to bang out a 10-round decision Wednesday night over Bobby Gray.

Gray, an ambitious Stockton featherweight, indicated that he might have flattened the Mexico City knockout artist if both fighters had been armed with American gloves instead of the softer Mexican variety.

Ailing Southern loop folds up

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI)—A closed meeting to discuss the plight of the ailing Southern Association resulted Wednesday in the minor league suspending operations for the 1962 baseball season.

The action came after officials of the South Atlantic League rejected a proposal to merge the two circuits. The Sally League, however, accepted applications for membership from two Southern Association clubs—Nashville and Chattanooga.

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