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**Elgin Baylor
NBA Rookie,
Wins Praise**

Minneapolis, Minn.—It's tough to make the grade as a rookie in the National Basketball association, basketball's big league, but it's doubly tough if you're expected to star on a mediocre team.

Elgin Baylor, rookie forward of the Minneapolis Lakers, seems destined to do just that. Minneapolis fans call him the "greatest" since George Mikan.

The cat-like former All-American from Seattle university earned this praise by battling for the NBA scoring leadership against such stalwarts as George Yardley of Detroit and Bob Pettit of St. Louis. He also ranks close to the best in the league in rebounds and assists.

Baylor got off to a fast start with a 25-point performance against Cincinnati and hasn't stopped since. He has game highs of 38 points, 31 rebounds and 11 assists. Coach John Kundla admits that he is amazed by Baylor's performance.

"Not even Jim Pollard was that good his first season," Kundla said.

Quiet Acceptance
Baylor accepts the adulation of the fans and his teammates' praise quietly. But, Baylor is one of the quietest athletes ever to hit the big time.

"Pro ball is about what I expected," Baylor said. "I've still a lot to learn, but I'm picking things up every game. Playing good defense is my biggest problem."

Baylor was also quiet when it came time to sign a contract with the Lakers last spring. Minneapolis took him as its first draft choice, even though he still had a year of eligibility remaining at Seat-

**Louisiana Staters
Have Jinx To Bust**

(This is the first of 10 dispatches on the football teams playing in the post-season bowl games.)

By SHELBY SCATES
Baton Rouge, La.—Louisiana State's top-ranked Tigers crashed through the regular season unbeaten and untied for the first time in 50 years but there is still a jinx to be bucked in the Sugar Bowl New Year's Day.

In four trips south to New Orleans for the rich post-season football game the Tigers failed to show the Bayou home-folks a single win. They are now hard at work determined to reverse that unhappy record in 1959.

The Tigers play twice-beaten Clemson, the Atlantic Coast conference champion, in

the Jan. 1 contest and for the fourth time in their five Sugar Bowl appearances, they will be favored.

Under the coaching of youthful, Yankee-born Paul Dietzel, and the line-wearing runs of "Player of the Year" Billy Cannon, LSU is a two-touchdown favorite over the South Carolinians.

Unlucky In Bowls
But put in its historical perspective, that fat bulge in the odds may slim somewhat.

The great LSU teams of the mid-30s coached by cagey Bernie Moore sported such football legends as Ken Kavanaugh and Gus Tinsley and made three straight trips into New Orleans for New Years Day.

The 1935 team, which lost only one regular-season game, was dumped by Texas Christian in the 1936 Sugar Bowl.

Then tiny Santa Clara came in from the West Coast two years in succession to dump the Bayou dandies.

In 1950, the Bengals showed up in the underdog's role against Oklahoma and were laced 35-0 by the Sooners. There was no new Year's joy in Louisiana that evening.

Coach Dietzel, whose inscrutable way transformed a routine third-string group into the "Chinese bandits"—LSU's latest legend—is taking no chances by underestimating the Clemson opposition.

Compared With Florida
"Our films show they are big and strong, quite a bit like Florida," he says. Florida gave the Tigers their toughest night of this season before losing in the last two minutes, 10-7.

But LSU football observers note the element of being "down" for a game has not troubled the Tigers this year and isn't likely to happen Jan. 1. "Those boys have pride," explains Dietzel.

In addition to pride and the other intangibles that combines to produce a winner, the Tigers have Cannon, probably

**Colts, Bears, Rams Land
Most on West All-Star**

Los Angeles —UPI—The Baltimore Colts, Chicago Bears and Los Angeles Rams, dominant teams in the National Football league's Western division, landed 20 out of 31 men on the team chosen today to meet the Eastern stars in the pro bowl game Jan. 11.

The Colts and Bears each had seven men named, while six of the Rams were picked for the squad. The West has won five of the eight pro bowl games played at Memorial coliseum.

The West will be rich in quarterbacks, with both Johnny Unitas of the Colts and Bill Wade of the Rams nominated.

Other offensive standouts include fullback Rick Casares of the Bears and Alan Ameche of the Colts, and halfbacks Jon Arnett of the Rams, Lenny Moore of the Colts and

the South's best back in a decade.

Given a fast field where the LSU line might offset a whopping weight disadvantage, the Tigers should move through the South Carolinians like Sherman marched through Georgia and one aspect of history may repeat itself.

Sherman, before he became notorious in these parts as a union general, was first president of LSU.

Willie Galimore of the Bears. For the seventh time, defensive tackle Leo Nomellini of the San Francisco 49ers was selected for the West squad.

Weeb Ewbanks of Baltimore is the West coach.

The West roster includes:
Offense: ends, Ray Berry, Colts, Billy Wilson, 49ers; tackles, Jim Parker, Colts, and Bob St. Clair, 49ers; guards, Duane Putnam, Rams, and Harley Sewell, Detroit Lions; center Jim Ringo, Green Bay Packers, and backs, Unitas, Arnett, Moore and Casares.

The Defensive Unit: ends Gino Marchetti, Colts, and Doug Atkins, Bears; tackles, Fred Williams, Bears, and Gene Lipscomb, Colt; middle guard, Bill George, Bears; linebackers, Joe Schmidt, Lions, and Les Richter, Rams; halfbacks Bobby Dillon, Packers, and Jim David, Lions, and safetymen, Will Sherman, Rams, and Yale Lary, Lions.

Alternates are Del Shofner, Rams, end; Hugh McElhenny, 49ers, halfback; Galimore, halfback; Wade, quarterback; Stan Jones, Bears, guard; Charlie Ane, Lions, tackle; Nomellini, tackle; Ameche, fullback, and Joe Fortunato, Bears, linebacker.

The Pacific ocean covers about one-third the earth's surface.

**Freighter Line
Signs Contract**

Washington —UPI—The American Mail Line, Ltd., of Seattle, and the Federal Maritime administration today signed a 20-year contract under which the line will replace its fleet at an estimated cost of \$100 million and continue to receive government subsidies.

American Mail Line operates eight C3 and C2 type of freighters and one other vessel between Pacific Northwest ports and the Far East and Southeast Asia.

Under the contract signed today, the line will place contracts for replacement ships by January, 1966, with the first three contracts to be placed by June 1, 1959.

The first three replacement ships would be a 20-knot Mariner types, which have a deadweight capacity of 13,000 tons. The C3 has a speed of 16.5 knots and a capacity of 9,600 tons. The C2 has a speed of 15.5 knots and a 9,200-ton capacity.

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New York —UPI—Nino Valdes, billing himself as the unofficial heavyweight champion of the world because of the way Floyd Patterson has been shooting fish in a barrel, said today he would claim the title if he disposes of Tacoma's Pat McMurtry on Friday night.

"Patterson is afraid to fight me," the Cuban giant says flatly. "Considering his opponents he is no more than the amateur heavyweight champion of the world. I am the professional champion."

Nino has a fairly valid claim if you really examine the record.

He is the number two ranking heavyweight behind Sweden's Ingemar Johansson. And the Swede actually leaped into the forefront on one victory, a conquest of Eddie Machen which had slight smorgasbord overtones.

Loses Big Ones
Nino long has had a reputation of losing the big ones. In 1956 as he was surging to the top, he dropped a pair to Eddie Machen and fell before Zora Folley. Since then he has 11 of 12 bouts, including five in a row with victories over Wayne Bethea, Johnny Summerlin, Harold Carter and Mike DeJohn twice.

There is a suspicion here that despite all the knocks against the talent of Patterson,

he has been a playmaker and team leader at guard.

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**Offense Gets Emphasis
Of Black Tornado Cagers**

Main emphasis has been on offense this week as the Medford high basketball squad readies for a trip to Eugene.

The Black Tornado takes on South Eugene high on Friday and Saturday nights.

Coach Frank Roelandt said that the offensive drills are aimed at getting members of the quintet moving more. At the same time the Tornado is working at polishing up every phase of its game.

The mentor said that he was real pleased with the Tornado hoopers last week end in their first games of the season, especially with the Friday night performance.

Defense over the week end was good except for some lapses and the club showed quite a bit of ball-handling ability.

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