

NEA Names A-A Club

Big Men Headline Dream '5'

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NEW YORK (NEA)—The basketball coach says, "Get me that one big man, and I'll build from there." Brother, we got him.

When it came time to put together the 1956 NEA All-America basketball team, at the head of the assembly line stood San Francisco's Bill Russell, with a reservation dating back to 1955.

That was the lead the Dons to a sweep of the NCAA championship, and he's done nothing since to cancel out his position. It's doubtful any other basketball players in history—the Mikans and Luisettis included—ever dominated

SECOND TEAM
Willie Naulls, UCLA; Bob Burrow, Kentucky; Bill Uhl, Dayton; Rod Hundley, West Virginia; K. C. Jones, San Francisco.

a season like the giant 6-10 Californian with the 73 wing spread.

To make sure Bill won't be lonesome, our board of experts around the nation backed him up with complementary characters: Ron Shavlik of North Carolina State, for fancy shots around the keyhole; Tom Heinsohn of Holy Cross, with the outside shot a big corner man needs; Sibugo Green of Duquesne, a tremendous driver and playmaker, and Robin Freeman of Ohio State, the jumpshooting little gunner who can blast open a game.

You sit mulling ways to stress the group potency of this year's All-America selections—probably the strongest ever—and the thought occurs: how'd the other team manage to maneuver the ball into position to shoot? Certainly no college center has ever had the rebounding strength of the incomparable Russell; Shavlik, a springboard 6-8, and Heinsohn, an agile 6-7. Add Green in the backcourt, a comparative shrimp at 6-2½ who can equal any of them in leaping.

Like Russell, Green is a repeater from last year's top five picks,

THIRD TEAM
Joe Holup, George Washington; Len Rosenbluth, North Carolina; Temple Tucker, Rice; Paul Judson, UCLA; Joe Capua, Wyoming.

and a virtually unanimous All-America, too. His season was made more difficult by the fact he was surrounded by mediocre personnel at Duquesne and still managed to drive the Dukes into a National Invitation Tournament bid.

Shavlik, who broke his wrist the last week of the regular season, made the logical jump from the 1955 second All-America team. He was the consensus standout of an area whose basketball performance is second to none in the nation.

Heinsohn typifies an increasing trend in basketball, first set by Tom Gola—the big man with the moves of the little man. He's had

Honorable Mentions: Forest Able, Western Kentucky; Phil Rollins, Louisville; Charlie Tyra, Louisville; Jim Reed, Texas Tech; Jim Krebs, SMU; Art Bunie, Utah; Al Rochelle, Vanderbilt; Jerry Harper, Alabama; Dick Gaines, Seton Hall; Hal Lear, Temple; Tom Hennessy, Niagara; Darrell Floyd, Furman; Julius McCoy, Michigan State; Morris Taft, UCLA.

three years to perfect them, and the pros predict he'll step right into their game next year without slacking pace.

Like Green, Freeman also played on a so-so team and elevated them with brilliant scoring bursts. He's an intense technician whose place near the top of the nation's scoring lists is material evidence of his ability.

Squeezed out in the rush for the first five college players of the year was such a close contender as Russell's running mate at San Francisco, K. C. Jones, undoubtedly one of the best floor leaders in the country and one of the top defenders.

He heads an equally competent second cast, finishing next to the top in this competition is no reflection.

They don't make them like Russell and company every year.



LaBua, Sullivan Tangle In Middleweight Battle Tonight

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (AP)—Jackie LaBua and John L. Sullivan of England, both aiming for a shot at Joey Giambra in April, square off tonight in a 10-round middleweight bout.

Both also are out to regain prestige after recent losses.

Sullivan, 23, on his second American tour, lost his first outing on this trip to Rocky Castellani in Madison Square Garden, New York, Feb. 24.

LaBua suffered close losses to Gil Turner in his last two starts. Sullivan fought five fights in the United States and Canada in 1952. He lost the first, a split-decision to Gordon Wallace at Toronto, but then won the next four by knockouts.

His overall record is 36 knockouts in 64 victories, 16 losses and 3 draws.

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Loss To Burden Bum Staff

By UNITED PRESS

The Brooklyn Dodgers viewed World Series hero, Johnny Podres' imminent induction into the Army today as too late to help the New York Yankees and too early to be of much comfort to their National League rivals.

"Johnny's loss will put more of a burden on our pitching," Manager Walt Alston conceded. "But if our young pitchers are as good as we think, we'll still have good pitching."

The three prime candidates to replace Podres, as the world champions' No. 1 left-handed starter, are 24-year old strikeout pitcher Earl Spomer, who had an 8-6 record last season; 26-year old bonus kid Sandy Koufax, who was 2-2 in 12 games in 1955; and 27-year old Ken Lehman, who had a 22-9 record and 2.76 earned run average for Montreal in the International League.

STRENGTH

The Brooklyn high command's chief reason for accepting the news calmly is the belief that the team's basic strength still is its top-to-bottom run of power hitters. Secondly, it was pointed out that Podres — for all his World Series heroics — had only a 9-10 record during the season and actually was not a key man in winning the pennant.

The 23-year old Podres was told to report to Ticonderoga, N.Y., for induction March 15 but may ask that his papers be transferred to the Vero Beach, Fla., camp which announced Tuesday that he then would be slated for induction in the April quota. Either way, Johnny will miss the next two seasons unless discharged for "hardship" or medical reasons.

The Dodgers, meanwhile, were gratified by the steady progress of shortstop Peeewe Reese, who suffered a pulled back muscle last Friday. The 36-year old team captain was up and around for the first time since the accident Tuesday and said he'd resume workouts next week.

Record High Seeking Spot In Derby Run

NEW YORK (AP)—A record total of 101 horses are eligible to take a crack at the elusive Kentucky Derby — Preakness — Belmont triple crown this spring, including most of the early favorites for these 3-year-old classics.

This was disclosed Wednesday after nominations for the three races were released at Louisville, Ky., and New York, and conditions are such that racing may get its first triple crown champion since Citation in 1948.

A year ago, only 79 of the nominees were eligible for all three races, and Derby winner Terrapin from Rex Ellsworth's stable was not among them. Nashua, second in the Derby, then went on to win the Preakness and Belmont.

The D. & H. Stable's Needles, winner of the Flamingo at Hialeah; Ellsworth's Terrag, who copped the Santa Anita Derby; and C. V. Whitney's Career Boy, who is in winter training in South Carolina, head the list of triple crown candidates. The list contains 100 colts, and a lone filly, Lady Swords, owned by Sam E. Wilson Jr., of Texas.

Gus Bell of the Cincinnati Redlegs is the best home run hitter under lights. At least he was in 1955. In 66 night games he hit 21 homers, one more than his teammate Ted Kluszewski.

Fights

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Joey Lopes, 134, Sacramento, stopped Reuben Smith, 132½, Los Angeles, 6.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Holly Mimms, 157, Washington, stopped Jimmy Morris, 159, Miami, 9.

PITTSBURGH — Sonny Liston, 203, St. Louis, outpointed Marty Marshall, 175, Detroit, 10.

HOLYOKE, Mass. — Dom Sacco, 130, Boston, outpointed Johnny O'Brien, 127½, Boston, 16.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Raymond Rijoas, 136, Fort Worth, knocked out LeRoy Carter, 133½, Cincinnati, 3.

RICHMOND, Calif. — Leonard Gaines, 136, Richmond, outpointed Bolden Abrams, 135, Philadelphia, 10.

HONOLULU — Joe Miceli, 147, New York, outpointed Stanley Harrington, 147½, Honolulu, 10.

Sports in Brief

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASKETBALL

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Dons closed out their regular 23-game season extending their winning streak to 51 by crushing St. Mary's (Calif.), 83-49.

ATHLETICS

DETROIT — Ray E. Nuli submitted his resignation as athletic director at the University of Detroit.

RACING

MIAMI, Fla. — Talpa Lady (69-2-60) and Gioconda (810) combined for a daily double of \$1,059.30 at Gulfstream.

ARCADIA, Calif. — Infilme (84-10) scored easily in the feature at Santa Anita.

BOWLING SCORES

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE	W	L
Stukel Brothers	47	52
Pepsi Cola	62	36
Dugan and Mest	57	43
Ellington Lbr.	57	43
Picksy	50	50
NW	47½	52½
Carl's Meats	45	55
Griggs Foods	45	55
Oregon Tech Faculty	42	58
Great Northern	37½	62½
Superior Troop	37½	62½
Weyerhaeuser	30½	69½

FRATERNAL LEAGUE	W	L
Eagles	54½	25½
OTT Sports Equip.	60½	20½
Sons of Italy No. 1	62	37
Sons of Italy No. 2	62	37
Rates Candy	60	40
Gallary and Bennett	43	57
Sons of Italy No. 2	43	57
Pioneer Tobacco	35	65
Cave Implement	31½	68½
Parker Printing	29½	70½
Jim Olson Motors	29½	70½

It Pays To Win . . .

By JIMMY BRESLIN
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NEW YORK (NEA)—The sidewalk in front of Sugar Ray Robinson's business enterprises is humming again. Robinson has his string of stores and saloon along Harlem's Seventh Avenue, between 124th and 125th streets, the center of uptown life in this sprawling city.

It was mismanagement of these same businesses that forced Robinson back into the ring and now that he has regained the middleweight championship, the people are back, looking for him and talking about him. And along with them comes the money.

It's a little over two months since Robinson fought, and in that period business went up sky-high for him. In addition, he picked up \$20,000 for television appearances and a magazine article. His comeback has been more than worth the effort.

LAYOFF

"We have had Robinson thinking strictly of business," Ernie Bracca, one of his managers, says. "It gives him a good layoff from fighting. He's been spending a lot of time around his enterprises and they are really booming. This time the money will be kept around, too. Nobody puts his hand in the till. Joe Glaser (the top theatrical booking agent who is another Robinson manager) and myself have reorganized things and there will be no more leakage, shall we say?"

Robinson's six-figure tax troubles with the government should be straightened out with the guaranteed purse of \$75,000 he is to receive for again fighting Carl (Bobo) Olson, this time at Los Angeles, April 30.

After that, Robinson wants "one for myself." That would be a New York outdoor shot at Carmen Basilio, the welterweight champion.

"I met Julius Helfand in Chicago," Robinson says, "and he made me promise that I'd bring the Basilio fight to New York. I

Sugar's Business Returns

said I sure would. And you know something? I think there's only one man in the world who wants that fight more than I do. That's Basilio. Guess he has a pretty good idea of what money is, too."

Robinson has done little of anything except business since he flattened Olson at Chicago, but he is due to start a month of work at Greenwood Lake, N.Y., before leaving for the coast.

STRATEGY

His board of strategy is frankly surprised that Olson and his manager, Sid Flaherty, picked up the option for a return bout.

"We hear Olson's domestic troubles are straightened out," Bracca says, "then we hear differently. We don't know. All we care about is to protect ourselves by having Robinson ready for anything."

It still seems strange, however. The notion here is that Carl never got over his first meeting with Robinson at Philadelphia, in which he was belted out. Certainly, he looked like anything but a tiger in Chicago.

How he can get himself up for this match is a puzzle. And how Los Angeles fight fans can get enthused over the match is even a bigger question. There is absolutely no guarantee that Bobo will not flop on his face and, as Joe Di Maggio said so well, become "the guy who never gets up."

And real early, too.

Yet Truman Gibson of the International Boxing Club feels the Robinson camp will exercise its privilege of taking 30 per cent of

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YMCA Church League

Intermediate Division basketball teams had a busy night in YMCA Church League play Tuesday evening at Twyla Ferguson School as Sacred Heart, Mt. Laki, Malin Presbyterian and Peace Memorial each picked off a win.

Sacred Heart whipped Chiloquin 24-16 as Barry scored eight for the winners. Mt. Laki outscored Church of the Brethren 18-16 with the high point honors going to the Brethren's Boucher with eight.

In the other two games played last night, Malin walloped First Baptist 36-16 and Peace Memorial dumped First Christian 39-15. Malin led the Malin team with 14 points. High for Peace Memorial were Lapsley and Allen, both with 12.

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