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**ALBUM PAIRING PRIMARY SOURCES AND PICTURE BOOKS: ABOVE THE RIM: HOW ELGIN BAYLOR CHANGED BASKETBALL BY JEN BRYANT AND FRANK MORRISON**

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## EVENING STAR , FEBRUARY 08, 1958



**ELGIN HURDLES**—Elgin Baylor, the Seattle University sensation from Washington, D. C., leaps on the shoulder of Gonzaga's Dennis Vermillion to score two of his 42 points last night in Seattle. Baylor slightly increased his national scoring lead, now averaging an even 33 points in 17 games, as Seattle beat Gonzaga University, 83-67.—AP Wirephoto.

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**EVENING STAR, FEBRUARY 17, 1958**

# **Robertson and Wilt Trying to Gain on Baylor Tonight**

**By the Associated Press**

**Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson  
and Kansas' Wilt Chamberlain  
get a chance tonight to close  
in on pace-setting Elgin Baylor  
of Seattle in the three-way bat-  
tle for individual basketball  
scoring honors.**

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EVENING STAR, MARCH 25, 1958

# Elgin Baylor Undecided On Future With Pros

By **BOB HANSON**  
Star Staff Writer

Elgin Baylor, the area's first All-America basketball player since Bozie Berger made it at Maryland in the 1930s, left the door open to turning pro this year when questioned on the subject last night.

to the pros' style of play. Although a senior at Seattle, Baylor has another year of eligibility.

Baylor's fiancée is Miss Ruby Saunders, a junior at Howard University. She is no relation to Francis Saunders, a teammate of Baylor's both at Spin-

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**EVENING STAR, JUNE 15, 1958**

**ESTIMATED PAY \$17,000**

## **Baylor Quits Seattle To Sign With Lakers**

**MINNEAPOLIS, June 14 (AP).**—All-America Elgin Baylor junked his final year of eligibility at Seattle University today and signed with the Minneapolis Lakers for one of the highest prices ever offered a college basketball player.

The Lakers laid out a sum estimated between \$17,000 and \$20,000 for the 6-foot-6, 230-pound Negro star from Washington, D. C., in what they admitted was a now-or-never move to keep a National Basketball Association franchise in the city.

Johnny Kundla, Laker coach, called Baylor, No. 2 college scorer in the country last season, the answer to Minneapolis' search for a tough, high-scoring forward to fill the void that has existed since Jim Pollard



**ELGIN BAYLOR**

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EVENING STAR, OCTOBER 23, 1958

# Baylor's Rousing Debut Cheers Lakers' Fans

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 23 (AP). —It took All-America Elgin Baylor of Washington, D. C., just 8 seconds to get on the scoreboard in his first pro basketball game, and just one night to fire the fancy of Minneapolis Laker fans.

It was all part of a flossy opening-night show calculated to regain some of the fans who left the club in swarms when George Mikan quit.

The big magnet was Baylor, smoothly co-ordinated collegiate star who drew some \$20.-

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**EVENING STAR, NOVEMBER 07, 1958**

# Elgin Baylor Sparks Lakers

By the Associated Press

The National Basketball Association season is less than two weeks old but already Elgin Baylor, the former college All-American from Seattle, has grabbed a headlock on rookie-of-the-year honors.

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EVENING STAR, NOVEMBER 20, 1958

**DISTRICT STAR AMAZES PROS**

# Baylor Is Sensation As Rookie in NBA

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 20 (AP).—Coach Johnny Kundla of the Minneapolis Lakers, a battle-scarred veteran of 11 years in the National Basketball Association, sidesteps any comparisons between Elgin Baylor and George Mikan. Fuzzy Levane of the New York Knickerbockers said recently. Elgin's spectacular coming-out is all the more noteworthy because he was a pivotman in college, seldom having to worry about corner shooting. With the Lakers he's a corner man.

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**EVENING STAR, NOVEMBER 21, 1958**



## **WIN, LOSE OR DRAW**

By FRANCIS STANN

### ***It Didn't Take Elgin Long***

IN A TOUGH AND HIGHLY competitive National Basketball Association, where it often takes some college stars a season or more to reach the pro level—if they make it at all—Elgin Baylor has got it made after 13 games.

That was a rare tribute his coach, Johnny Kundla of the Minneapolis Lakers, paid Baylor yesterday. He mentioned the ex-Washington schoolboy in the same breath with Jim Pollard, who to Minneapolis fans was approximately what Willie Mays is to Giants' rooters, San Francisco and New York alike.

"To think that a rookie could lead the club in points, rebounds and assists, even at this stage of the season!" Kundla wonders. "I had a lot of hopes for him when he came to us, but I didn't dream he'd take hold so fast."

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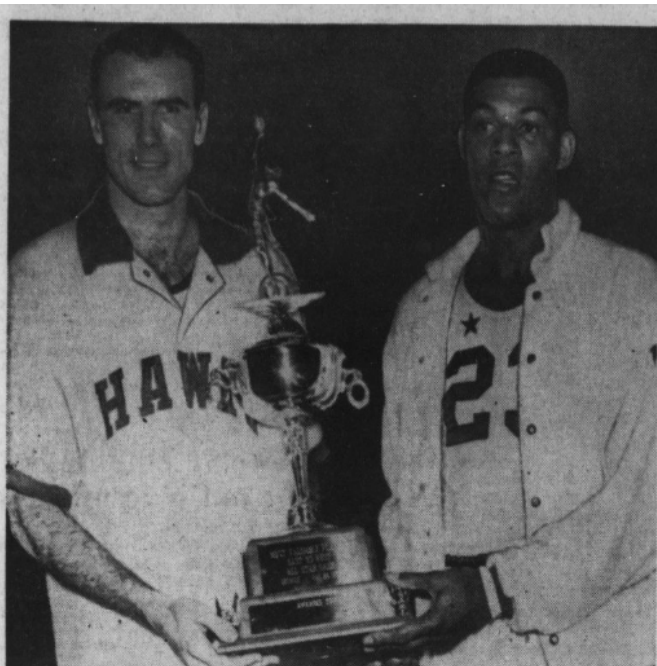
## EVENING STAR, DECEMBER 10, 1958



**ELGIN GETS ANOTHER**—Elgin Baylor, the Washington boy who is making good in his rookie year in the National Basketball Association, pours in another basket for the Minneapolis Lakers last night in New York, despite close guarding from Mike Farmer of the Knicks. That's Ron Sobie (17) of the Knicks at right. Baylor was high for the Lakers with 23 points, but his team lost, 110-97.—AP Wirephoto.

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## EVENING STAR, JANUARY 24, 1959



**SHARE HONORS**—Elgin Baylor (right) of the Minneapolis Lakers and Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks hold the cup received as co-winners of the most-valuable-player award in the East-West pro basketball All-Star game last night in Detroit. Baylor, a rookie who once played with Washington's Spingarn High School, scored 24 points and Pettit 25 as the West Defeated the East, 124-108.—AP Wirephoto.

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**THE DETROIT TRIBUNE., DECEMBER 13, 1958**

# **CAGERS BLAST N.C. BIAS**

BOSTON — Both Bill Russell and Elgin Baylor, of the National Basketball Association, angrily blasted the segregated treatment accorded them, and other colored members of the Boston Celtics and Minneapolis Lakers teams in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, and vowed never to play in that city again.

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THE DETROIT TRIBUNE., JANUARY 31, 1959

# W. Va. Mayor Refuses Apology Over Snubbing Negro Cage Stars

## SPORTS— GRAPHIC

By JIM BUTLER

DETROIT — Mrs. Mamie Hen... for 565.

MINNEAPOLIS — Basketball star Elgin Baylor attained new stature as a real American today, after his refusal to play in a game at Charleston, W. Va. last week because of discrimination. Baylor said he would forfeit a year's salary rather than submit to jim crow.

On Monday, Owner Bob Short of the Minneapolis Lakers said he is filing an official protest demanding that last Friday night's game with the Cincinnati Royals be replayed because of the segregation incident.

ers' agreement with the Royals and thus necessitated the game be replayed at Cincinnati.

Mayor John Copenhaver of Charleston expressed his personal regret over the incident but said, "Charleston, as a municipality, has nothing for which to apologize."

over which our city has no control," Mayor Copenhaver said.

"The incident was something of long standing and broad implications," he said. "The en-

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THE DETROIT TRIBUNE., FEBRUARY 07, 1959

## Race Players To Receive Protection Against Southern Insults This Year

DETROIT — The board of governors of the National Basketball Association Thursday announced a policy designed to protect Negro players against embarrassment stemming from segregated housing and dining facilities in some areas.

The association's decision to insist on a protective clause in contracts for games in neutral courts was aimed particularly at discrimination against Negro players, Podoloff said.

He made it clear, however, that the association's intent was even

given advance assurances that integrated hotel and dining facilities would be provided in Charleston. But when Baylor and two Negro team-mates sought to register at the hotel, where the team was scheduled to stay, they were denied rooms.

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**EVENING STAR, JANUARY 18, 1959**

**PROMOTER BEMOANS \$800 LOSS**

# **Disciplinary Action Against Baylor Asked**

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 17 (AP).—The American Business Club of Charleston today urged disciplinary action by the National Basketball Association against Elgin Baylor of the Minneapolis Lakers for the Negro star's refusal to play in Friday night's Minneapolis-Cincinnati game here.

Baylor, the Lakers' rookie ace from Washington, D. C., sat out

"He was under great emotional strain because of his attitude against segregation," Short said. "Baylor is a high-strung, sensitive fellow. I think it would have been better for him to show he could rise above the situation—but I certainly can understand his feelings."

**Was Urged to Play**

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**EVENING STAR, JANUARY 19, 1959**

## **Baylor Gets 30**

Rookie Elgin Baylor, returning to the line-up after sitting out one game because of a racial incident in Charleston, W. Va., scored 22 of his 30 points as the Lakers broke it open in the second half. Tom Gola with 22 and Paul Arizin with 20 topped the Warriors, who had won three straight.

Cincinnati, which had suf-

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THE DETROIT TRIBUNE, MARCH 07, 1959

## "No Colored Allowed" Signs Don't Faze Philly's Tan Batsmen

CLEARWATER, Fla.—For six hours a day here at the Phils' school, the five Negro players hit, run, pitch, take base-running instruction and learn the double play along-side everybody else.

They participate in the shouting, kibitzing, bench-riding. They eat soup, drink orange juice, shower, dress and tell jokes with the others, and they get their shin splints treated on the same rubbing table.

After practice, all the players head for their quarters at the downtown West Coast hotel—all, that is, except Bob and Rich Haines from New Jersey, George Williams from Detroit, Chuck Fields from California and Tony Curry from Nassau, Bahamas.

These five go in the oppo-

site direction, to the Negro section on the North side of town, where they board out with respectable Negro families. The five don't see their teammates until next day's practice.

For all of them this is a comparatively new experience. In all

### Teaching Notes:

This article does not have anything directly to do with Elgin Baylor, but events in segregation can be compared to What Baylor spoke and acted against.

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