Russell OKs pact, becomes top paid

BOSTON (UPI)—Bill Russell, first coach of his race in professional sports, became the highest paid team athlete in the nation Wednesday when he was rehired as player-coach of the Boston Celtics for "substantially" more than $125,000.

Terms of the one-year contract for the 33-year-old, 5-foot-9 center were kept secret. But Arnold (Red) Auerbach, general manager and vice president of the Celtics, said he was rehired "At a substantial increase" over the $125,000 he got as player-coach this season.

This boosted the goateed defensive genius over the $125,000 reportedly paid baseball outfielder Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants. Retired Los Angeles Dodgers Pitcher Sandy Koufax had a $125,000 contract last year and Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain, center for the Philadelphia 76'ers, reportedly gets $100,000.

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AUERBACH DISCLOSED that Russell's rehiring took place Tuesday night just before the World Champion Celtics defeated the New York Knickerbockers 118-109 in the NBA playoffs at New York's Madison Square Garden.

"This whole thing came as a big surprise to me. I didn't expect to talk about next season for a while. I'm delighted," Russell said.

Present during the contract signing were Marvin Kratter, chairman of the Board; Jack Waldron, Celtics' president; Auerbach and Russell.

"We are very happy that Bill has decided to continue for one more year in his dual capacity. Mr. Kratter and Mr. Waldron join me in the knowledge that he will do as good a job next year as in the season past," Auerbach said.

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BOSTON MEETS Philadelphia Friday in the best-of-seven Eastern division finals.

The lanky, 220-pound Russell changed the style of basketball when he signed with the Boston Celtics in 1956, after being an All-American at the University of San Francisco. He captured a Gold Medal in the 1956 Olympics when the U.S. team won the event with eight straight victories.

Since Russell joined Boston, the Celtics won nine NBA World Championships—including the last eight. They were runner-ups to St. Louis in the 1957-58 season.

Never a red-hot shooter, Russell put defense back into professional basketball. The high-jumping Russell, consistently one of the top rebounders, excels at blocking opponent's shots.

Russell has other interests besides basketball. He owns Bill Russell's Slades, a Boston Restaurant, and also is owner of a rubber plantation in Liberia.

Russell, married to the former Rose Swisher, has three children. They live in Reading, a Boston suburb.

AS-VOLUME set of The Heritage Library was presented to Morgan College's Soper Library on behalf of the White Laboratories, Inc., a pharmaceuticals firm of Kenilworth, N.J. by L. B. Pinkerton, right, vice-president and director of Trades and Publications. Accompanying Mr. Pinkerton to the campus was Thomas Bell, center, a former Morgan student who is now a staff member of [illegible] and C. Associates, a public relations firm of High Point, N.C. Mr. Pinkerton indicated that as additional volumes of the series are published his company will donate them to Soper Library. Accepting the volume is Walter Fisher, director of Soper Library.

BOWLING CHECK — Andy Cooper, right, manager of community relations for F. and M. Schaefer Brewing Co., presents check for $500 as guarantee for the Chesapeake Bay-Schaefer Beer Mid-Season mixed doubles tourney to be played April 1-2 at Fair Lanes Ritchie in Glen Burnie. Charles in Glen Burnie. Charles Ford Jr., check recipient and secretary-treasurer of the Chesapeake Bay Bowling Senate, said a record 1,000 applications had been received for the tourney. Schaefer is participating for the first time in the Baltimore-Washington area but Mr. Cooper said the firm's involvement is expected to expand in the area.

Davis earns Frazier shot

MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Heavyweight Jeff Davis of Houston earned the right to meet undefeated fifth-ranked Joe Frazier April 11 by winning a unanimous 10-round decision over Willie Johnson of Miami Tuesday night.

There were no knockdowns but the 209-pound Davis dominated every round with tremendous body-kidney punches on the 189-pound Johnson.

Big Al Jones of Goulds, Fla., scored a TKO in 2:44 of the fourth round over heavyweight Levi Forte of Miami in another 10 rounder.

More than 3,000 watched the boxing matches at Miami Beach Auditorium.

Rights group urges Congress home visits

WASHINGTON (NPI) — The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights has urged participating organizations to have their members visit Congressmen during the Easter recess on behalf of the 1967 Civil Rights Bill.

The March 25-April 3 Easter recess is a good time to see Representatives and Senators returning to their home states and districts, the LCCR said.

"Delegations should try to represent as broad a cross-section of Leadership Conference groups as possible," the organization added.

"In all visits to members of Congress, delegations should attempt to obtain commitments to the Civil Rights Bill of 1967 and pledges to work for its passage," the group added.

ON-JOB TRAINEE Charles Green, Carver Vocational graduate, is making progress as a welder at a Cockeysville plant. The 24-year-old Army veteran is among nearly 400 placed through the federally-financed Baltimore Urban League on-the-job training project.

Anti-war group getting buses for NY rally

An anti-war group passed out literature near the Lexington Market Thursday promoting the mass mobilization to be held in New York City at the United Nations on April 15.

It was announced that a Baltimore Coordinating Committee of various organizations will sponsor buses to the event, round trip for $8 with buses to leave from the War Memorial Plaza at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. on April 15.

The committee has headquarters at 32 W. 25th St., and information can be had or contributions made by calling 243-5736.

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A SPOKESMAN said an evaluation session at which the organization would be set up formally, will be held after the mass rally.

Plans also were announced for a march on April 8 from the Mondawmin Shopping Center down Reisterstown Rd., Pennsylvania Ave., over Centre St., down Howard and to the War Memorial Plaza where a rally will be held.

Demonstrators will gather at the shopping center at noon and leave at 1 p.m.

A movie entitled, "Sons and Daughters," on the Berkeley demonstrations and the Vietnam war, will be shown free at the Unitarian Church, Franklin and Charles Sts., Saturday night, April 8.

Lee seeks 18th pro win Monday

Sweet Herbie Lee, Baltimore favorite, will take on Dick Diveronica in a 10-round bout Monday night at the Civic Center.

This will be Lee's 19th probout over 18 months during which he has scored 17 wins, against one loss with seven knockouts. His only loss was to Percy Pugh of New Orleans, who was defeated in a return match in Baltimore.

Lee has moved into title contention in his class and is currently rated fourth among junior welterweight in the United States.

Diveronica who fights out of Canastoto, N.Y., is a protege of Carmen Basilio and has a 40 out of 46 pro record.

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IN THE PRELIMS, Jerry Brewer, Baltimore, meets Miguel Barreto, New York City, in an 8-rounder; Ronnie Harris, Baltimore, tangles with Roger Evans, Philadelphia, a six, and Jimmy Payne, Baltimore, meets Billy Muse, Philadelphia, in a four.

Payne and Muse are lightweights, and the four others welters.

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Mrs. Ethel Felder (A Pouf of roses) | Mrs. Joyce Neal (Cabbage roses on straw) | Miss Mary Carter (Snood of petals) | Mrs Rose Wallace (Chic straw derby) | Mrs. Florence Knox (Draped Fez) | Mrs. Gladstone Davis (Egyptian drape)

JUST PLAIN PRETTY WERE THESE HATS WORN AT MAD HATTERS' EASTER MONDAY LUNCHEON — See Gadabouting — Page 9

Mrs. Connie Moore (Confusion) | Mrs. Mary Miller (Easter nest) | Mrs. Viola Watson (Easter Basket) | Walter Hopkins ("Things")

AND PRETTY WILD WERE THESE HEAD PIECES AT MAD HATTERS PARTY MONDAY — See Gadabouting — Page 9

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WASHINGTON — Job opportunities in the new Department of Housing and Urban Development are described in the pamphlet, "A Job Where The Action Is."

The booklet lists HUD offices where details about career opportunities are available. It may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. 20410.

Bond to address national draft meet

PHILADELPHIA — The American Friends Service Committee is planning a national conference on the draft, to be held at Washington University, St. Louis, April 6-8.

Sgt. Robert Thomas who is stationed in California will complete his army career next year.

John Henry Gray, husband of Mrs. Peggy Gray of Owings, has been honorably discharged from the United States Navy after 15 years of service. After an injury, Mr. Gray retired from the services.

Mr. Gray is the father of three daughters; Shirley, Peggy and Yvonne.

CALVERT COUNTY NEWS

John Gray finishes 15-year Navy hitch

By MELVINA EDWARDS

Donald Estep, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Estep of Friendship is home after an operation on his shoulder.

Clarence Franklin of Bristol suffered a stroke and is convalescing in the Anne Arundel Hospital.

The Rev. Mrs. Deloris Smith has recovered, after being confined to her home because of pneumonia.

Louis Gray, twin son of the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Gray, is on the sick list.

Mrs. Dorothy Carter and her daughter, Miss Bernadette Carter, were home for the Easter holiday with her father, Youngie Gray and his family in Baltimore.

St. Edmond Church will hold Holy Communion services on April 2, at 11 a.m. At 2:30 p.m. Edward Gray will be the guest speaker. The Rev. J. O. Johnson, pastor of the Brandywine Methodist Church, and his choir will sponsor the Rev. William Edwards in a program to be held at 4:30 p.m.

The Mt. Hope Volunteer Chorus held its anniversary on Sunday, at the Mt. Hope Church under the chairmanship of Mrs. Isabella Green.

L. Coates, son of the late Mrs. Nettie Coates, is sick in Calvert County Hospital.

On Easter Sunday, Mrs. Mary Harris and Mrs. Geraldine Harris joined the Cooper Church.

Carlean Savon, Donna Lynn Jones, Marlene Shirley Thompson and Shirley Wills were baptized at Peters Church on Easter Sunday.

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DANIEL EVANS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Evans is ill in Prince Georges Hospital.

Guest speaker at Sunday morning services at Peters Church was Mrs. Rebecca Boone.

Miss Yvonne Estep of Friendship celebrated her 16th birthday.

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