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Pettit Contract Breaks Record

With \$95,450 already in his pockets, Paul "Lefty" Pettit, Narbonne High's fabulous Golden Boy, today turned his sights toward making the grade in big time baseball.

The whip-armed Lomita southpaw, officially the highest bonused rookie in major league history, reports to the Pittsburgh Pirates' school at San Bernardino February 13 and then will join the New Orleans Pelicans on March 1.

He shows up for the Pirales, who laid the whopping sum on the line Tuesday, in 1951.

Pettit, who was under contract for his athletic and acting ability to Frederick Stephani, a Hollywood producer, pocketed a neat \$10,000 in extra cash today—the difference between the \$85,450 that Stephani paid for him and the \$95,450 Pirate

Stephani retained the movie right; on Patrit, who will receive, in addition to the above, \$5000 per picture and 10 per cent of the profits.

Out of the \$95,000 figure will come Pettit's salary of \$6000 er year for the next three.

After the historic signing Tuesday afternoon in the company of his father, Stephani, Roy Hamey, Pirate general manager, and Boris Wooley, attorney for Petiti, the 18-year-old Harbor Hills youth calmly walked his girl friend, Shirley Jennings, to a

Nonchalant about his ever-increasing riches, Pettit said: "I can't touch the money until I'm 21."

Nearly a week of spirited bidding for Paul's services reportedly followed his graduation from Narbonne High School last Thursday.

day.

Culmination of it all came Tuesday afternoon when it was announced that an agreement had been reached between Pettit, Stephani, and Hamey whereby the 6 ft. 2 inch lefthander would receive in the neighborhood of \$100,000 for his services. It was later learned that his contract calls for a figure of \$95,450.

Local citizens were irritated to read in wire dispatches and hear over the radio that Pettit, a tried and true Narbonne ath-lete; hails from a place called Long Beach. In fact, a couple of proud residents phoned the radio station to complain.

Pettit's contract exceeds by more than \$25,000 the previous record bonus figure of \$75,000 paid to Catcher Buddy House by the Detroit Tigers two years ago.

Hints of possible repercussions in the unique nature of Petiti's pact with Stephani were stilled somewhat in an announcement by Dick Butler, A. B. Chandler's representative. "The contract apparently violates no rule in baseball," Butler said before the deal was closed.

Under the wetchful eye of Major league scouts, the sensa-tional southpaw, who now scales 205 pounds, pitched six no hits and won 73 games, while losing 13, in his last three years.

Impressing the scouts was Paul's sensational speed which over-shadows a fast-breaking curve and a tricky change of pace.

Then, a couple of months ago the scouts were thrown a curve themselves when Stephani stepped in and signed Paul to the acting athletic contract.

That pact called for a bonus of \$50,000; \$10,000 more for signing; a three-year salary of \$6000; \$5200 for his father; \$1500 for his attorney; 10 per cent of the screen profits; and \$750 for a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, when and if he marries.

When he sold the athletic part of the agreement Tuesday, Stephani apparently got nothing except Paul's acting services for 10 years. And the producer says he does not intend to use Paul in a picture unless the boy cuts a wide swath for himself in the majors.

The Pirate general manager said after the signing: "We are happy to land the boy. Our scouts have watched him closely for a long time, rate him very highly, and believe he has a chance to become an outstanding pitcher in the majors."

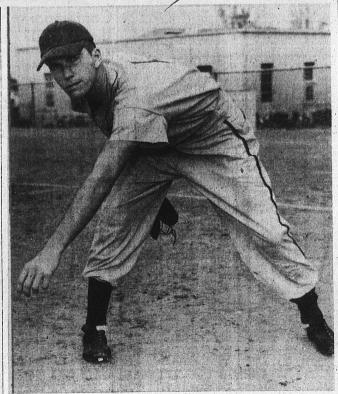
At Narbonne, his coach there. Wayne Sloss, also said he believed that Petiti would make the grade in the big time, Sloss brought Petiti, who learned to pitch on the Harbor Hills



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PITCHIN' PAUL Here's a batter's eye view of the \$100,000 left arm of Narbonne High's

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sand lots, up to the Narbonne varsity in 1947, where he helped hurl the Gauchos to three straight championships.

During that time he pitched two no-hit games for Narbo but lost one of them at Dorsey in the city championships.

Paul racked up four more no-hitters as a member of the American Legion Junior nine before he was 16 years of age.

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One of the most amazing feats in his strikeout record—445 in 578 innings pitched or nearly two men per inning.

Big Paul played basketball in his sophomore year and proved his versatility by making All-Marine League at a forward spot, He gave up basketball the following season to devote full time to his diamond career, but reappeared this season against Rismand racked up 14 points.

His folks took Tuesday's signing with some nonchalance. His father, a night watchman at Terminal Island, is reportedly considering retiring. His mother gasped out: "Oh, inst it wonderfull"

Paul was definitely the toast of the town yesterday as congrated the properties of the comparatulations poured in from all sides toward the athlete who grafulations poured in from all sides toward the athlete who grafulations poured in from all sides toward the athlete who grafulations poured in from all sides of sport.

Curley Tops 'Blue' Scoring

With 20 Point For Does

By Duane Mittan

Harbor Does led the Blue Wednesday division of the Cltx. Basketball League by one game this week with a 19-15 win over Greater Torrance Market while Columbia Steel edged back into a tie with Loveludy Hardware for second place from third after winning 41-83 over Redond Sea Poost. Herb Curley was high man of the evening—and the season—in the Cutter winning 41-83 over Redond Sea Poost. Herb Curley was high man of the evening—and the season—in the Cutter winning 41-83 over Redond Sea Poost. Herb Curley was high man of the evening—and the season—in the college track and field coaches cline on February of according to Hilmer Lodge, Mt. San Antonio College track and field coaches cline on February of according to Hilmer Lodge, Mt. San Antonio College track college track and field coaches cline on February of according to Hilmer Lodge, Mt. San Antonio College track college track and chall cross of pre

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