

Jim Hadnot Signs With Celt Cagers

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Big Jim Hadnot, the former great basketball star with McClymonds High, will begin shooting for stardom in the pro ranks next fall.

The 6-10 Oaklander signed a contract yesterday with the Boston Celtics of the National Basketball Association.

Jim was Boston's second draft choice. He also was drafted by the New York Tapers of the American Basketball League. As a Celtic he joins his long-time idol, Bill Russell.

Russell who also got his start at McClymonds before making basketball history with the University of San Francisco and the Celtics, has long had an interest in Hadnot. When Jim failed to meet the entrance requirements at USF, Russell set him on the trail of Providence College of Rhode Island.

Hadnot gained national recognition at Providence and

helped boost the Friars into basketball prominence.

Last season as the team's captain he paced the Providence five in both scoring and rebounding and was a key man on defense with his big frame helping to plug the lanes.

Hadnot made Oakland Athletic League honorable mention in his junior year at McClymonds, then reached a first team berth on the dream club as a senior in 1956.

It was also that season that he paced the Warriors to OAL and Tournament of Champions crowns—thus beginning a streak that has seen the Mackmen capture those two titles a record five straight times.

Paul Harless who coached Hadnot at McClymonds, said "I wish Jim a lot of luck.

"If he can hang in there this year I think he can make the grade. He'll grow and probably be real good, if the Celtics wait for him to develop."