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WELL, THAT'S FOOTKETBALL: Andy Robustelli, left, of the New York football Giants throws a pass in "basketball contest" with the Harlem Globetrotters. Kyle Rote jumped from the bench, where he was watching the plays, and caught the ball, which he dropped in the basket. Even so, the Globetrotters won, 68-45, at the Garden last night.

KNICKS TURN BACK PISTONS, 93 TO 90

But 18,259 Fans at Garden Get More Laughs From Trotter-Giant Game

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Clowning was the order of procedure in the opening game of a basketball double-header at Madison Square Garden last night, when the Harlem Globetrotters made monkeyshines while playing a team made up of members of the New York football Giants.

Unintentionally, some action that looked like clowning also was part of the second game, in which the New York Knickerbockers defeated the Detroit Pistons, 93-90, in a National Basketball Association game.

The first game, in which the Globetrotters kept the 18,259 fans laughing, was won by the Harlem team by what is listed as 68-45, though it's doubtful that a sure count is available. Some shots were worth 4 points and others had strange values, also.

Game Is Shoddy

The second game, in which some members of each team kept the fans laughing, was a shoddy affair for much of the early part of the second half.

The Knicks, who led from the start until the 3:42 mark of the third period, fumbled away the lead. Then Detroit did some stumbling and New York took back the lead for keeps in the later stages of the third stanza.

The Giants who played last night were Ken MacAfee, Kyle Rote, Ed Hughes, Jim Katcavage, Bob Mishak, Alex Webster and Andy Robustelli. An added booster, known as a "ringer," was present in the person of a Mr. Raggazino, home and occupation unknown. Raggazino and MacAfee led the Giant scoring.

But all their scoring was for an obviously lost cause as they faced the team lucky enough to possess Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain, the 7-foot player who proved even two men can't beat him.

Wilt Outjumps Pair

The play for the jump ball starting the third period was a two-on-one affair, with Katcavage and MacAfee trying to get the center jump ball away from Chamberlain. With MacAfee on Katcavage's shoulders, the attempt was made. Chamberlain outjumped the pair by 6 inches.

Fumbling and the ability to let the ball be intercepted plagued both the Knicks and Pistons. Detroit took the lead for a short period, largely by stealing the ball when New York was displaying butter fingers. Then the fortunes turned for the final time to the Knicks' advantage when they stole the ball repeatedly from Detroit.

The best laugh of the evening came in the fourth period of

the second game, when Carl Braun passed off to Ken Sears for New York. The ball traveled under the Knicks' basket and Phil Jordon of Detroit jumped up to intercept. Instead he tapped the ball by mistake into the New York basket and 2 Knickerbocker points.

Sears was credited with the basket as a result of being the player on the scoring team closest to the basket when the ball went through the hoop. He totaled 22 on the evening, 2 less than Richie Guerin, whose play was the most consistent for New York.

The Giants, none of whom had much previous basketball experience, completed a two-game set with the Globetrotters. In Boston Monday night, Harlem defeated New York, 61-51.

The Line-Ups

TROTTERS (68)				GIANTS (45)				
	G.	F.	P.F.P.		G.	F.	P.F.P.	
Ch'b'n'n.M.I.I.	2	1	0	23	MacAfee, M.	7	0	14
Burton	2	0	0	4	Raggazino	5	0	10
H'rison, rf	4	0	0	8	Rote, rf	2	0	4
Ingram	0	0	0	0	Hughes	1	0	2
Lemon, c.	5	0	1	10	Katc'age, c.	4	0	1
Harris	2	0	0	4	Mishak	2	0	4
Wilson, lg.	1	0	0	2	Webster, lg.	0	1	3
Taylor	3	0	1	6	Rob'telli, rf	1	1	3
Turman, rg	5	1	0	11				
Total	33	2	2	68	Total	22	1	45
Half-time score—Trotters 41, Giants 23.				Officials—Moyer and Wayne.				
KNICKS (93)				DETROIT (80)				
	G.	F.	P.F.P.		G.	F.	P.F.P.	
Braun	2	5	0	7	Dukes	2	9	4
Felix	3	0	6	6	Jordan	5	4	2
Guerin	7	10	4	24	McGuire	2	1	2
Naulis	7	0	3	14	Shue	7	3	2
Sears	7	10	2	24	Yardley	7	7	1
Farmer	1	1	3	3	Farley	1	1	6
Selvy	0	0	0	0	Holup	0	1	3
Soble	3	6	4	12	Lloyd	4	1	3
Sparrow	0	1	1	1	Noble	3	1	4
Tyra	1	0	3	2				
Total	31	31	28	93	Total	31	28	29
Knicks	30	16	27	20-93				
Detroit	22	18	26	24-80				
Free throws missed—Guerin, Naulis, Soble								
2 Tyra 3, Jordan 4, Shue, Farley, Lloyd.								
Officials—Bergla and Smith.								