

# Miss Althea Gibson Comes Home To A Hero's Welcome

## New York's Top Dignitaries Turn Out To Greet Champ

NEW YORK (AP) — The welcome mat was rolled out for Althea Gibson, the new Wimbledon women's tennis champion, here last week.

Arriving from Europe at New York's International Airport, the young tennis queen was met by a score of dignitaries headed by Hulan Jack, Borough President of Manhattan, who represented the mayor, Robert Wagner. Also on hand to greet her were parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gibson, her fiance, William Darron, James J. O'Brien, deputy commissioner of the city's Department of Commerce and Public Events, and representatives of the American Lawn Tennis Association.

On hand, too, were her former coach, Fred Johnson, and her present mentor, Sydney Llewellyn. Llewellyn had said all along that Miss Gibson

"has the finest equipment of any woman who ever lived," and predicted she would become champion once she overcame personality problems.

From the airport Miss Gibson went to her home in Harlem where she was cheered by friends and the neighborhood kids. She told the kids "My victory was your victory." She also had a pointed advice for them: "Stick to public tennis," she told them. Althea first learned tennis playing with crude paddles on the sidewalks of New York.

The following day the 20-year-old star was treated to a ticker-tape parade along a quarter-mile route, extending from Bowling Green Square to City Hall, where she was greeted by Mayor Wagner.

All along the parade route Confetti and ticker tape were tossed in her path, as the conquering hero of the tennis

trails rode in an open car and accepted the cheers of the throngs. Later she was feted at a luncheon tendered by city officials.

Miss Gibson won the Wimbledon women's singles championship by defeating Darlene Hard of Montebello, Calif., 6-3, 6-2 in the final of that tournament. She also became the first Negro man or woman to win a Wimbledon championship.

However, the rounds of celebration did not slow in the pace-setting Miss Gibson. She left shortly afterwards for Chicago to compete in the National Clay Court tournament at 4400 Dearborn, 17th Street, 215. From there she will go to the Pacific Southwest tournament in California then return to New York in September to compete for the U. S. national championship at Forest Hills, the title she has sought for seven years.



A CHAMPION IS WELCOMED — Althea Gibson, New York, was greeted by the crowds that came to welcome her with a ticker tape parade here July 11th on her return from England. With her is Hulan Jack, Borough President of Manhattan. Althea became the first Negro to win Wimbledon history to win a championship when she took the women's singles. She and Darlene Hard also won the Women's doubles match. (UP PHOTO)

## Florida School Acclaims Its Favorite Grad: Miss Gibson

TALLAHASSEE — Florida A and M University fans like millions of sports fans throughout the world are acclaiming a favorite alumna—Althea Gibson—with laudatory phrases for her recent triumph in the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

In an effort to pass on to you what is being said about Miss Gibson, Class of 1933 at Florida A and M University, this reporter talked with the president, teachers, coaches, students and dormitory counselors of Florida A and M and heres is what they had to say about the recent 1957 Wimbledon champion.

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., president, Florida A and M University: "I join the millions of tennis loving fans throughout the world in saluting one of the favorite daughters of FAMU."

A. S. Gathers, athletic director: "We are all very proud of her."

Walter M. Austin, Althea's tennis coach and one-time intercollegiate tennis champion: "A just reward for a true champion. A fitting queen for the tennis world who has shown unusual power of perseverance, skill and determination which has enabled her to overcome adversity as well as tennis opposition."

Heres is a sampling of West Palm Beach I am very proud of her, and I was praying for her to win. She really had my prayers. Singletary is a former Rattler net star and one of the two male members of the team to work out with Althea.

"I first played against her in the fall of 1949, following her enrollment here at the University," recalled Singletary, "and I found that she had very few weaknesses and that she felt right at home on the court with any male member of the squad." Concluding he said: "Her winning the Wimbledon couldn't have happened to a finer person."

"I figured she would win it," murmured Paul Buis, who like Singletary, was a member of the A and M net team, and also Charlie Weir of Miami who said: "I felt that she had championship ability, and after getting seasoned with a higher level of tennis, I expected her to win."

Golf coach Hansel Torkas, under whom Althea played intercollegiate golf, said: "She was a fearless competitor and had a

burning desire to excel. If she had devoted as much time to golf as she did to tennis, she would have been a golf champion. She was endowed with the ingredients of a champion."

According to Mrs. Mary J. Riley, Althea has once said that her life's ambition was to finish college and better equip herself to obtain a good position so she could improve herself and her people.

Continuing the A and M women's counselor said: "She held her own in each of the four tournaments in which she resided during her four years she was in attendance at the University and was especially good on the judiciary committee. This was the group which handled cases of misbehavior in the dormitory. She was always just and fair in her decisions."

"Althea was well liked by her peers and her instructors. She knew how to get well along with people. Many honors came to her while living on the campus and she bore her victories with dignity and humility. Althea will always be remembered on the campus as a fine person and a good sport."

Track Star Herb McKenley Hurt In Jamaica Car Wreck

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Herb McKenley, world famous Jamaican athlete, who with George Rhoden, spent long years in the United States, is now in a hospital in Jamaica. McKenley narrowly escaped death when his Chevrolet crashed into another car on the Palisades Airport road and killed one man.

Dead is Caleb Allen, 30, of 2-A Ballater Avenue. Allen, who spent a number of years as a businessman in the United States, was riding in McKenley's car. Injured in the smash-up are Alston Davis of 3 Garden Lane, Miss Alice McFarlane of 2-A Ballater Ave., Mr. John Thomas of 23 Westminister Road, and McKenley, who is Jamaica Government Supervisor of Athletics.

Holder of the world's 440 yard dash, McKenley was returning from the Palisades Airport where he had gone to see off a friend who was leaving for the United States. His car, while proceeding to Kingston, rammed into another

## "Minnie" Minozo And Mays Star In 24th All-Star Game

Fleet-footed Orestes (Minnie) Minozo and the sensational Willie Mays shared the spotlight in the 24th annual All-Star baseball game at Busch Stadium here last week.

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hey kid, whom the experts call the most exciting player of the present decade, delivered two timely base hits—a single in the seventh and two-run triple in the ninth.

In the field he played his usual brilliant defensive game, racing back in typical Mays' fashion to haul down a long hit by Williams.

Also appearing in the game were Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves and Frank Robinson of the Redlegs. They collected a hit

## Dwight Fisher New Athletic Director At Bishop College

MASSILL, Texas (AP) — Dwight H. Fisher, former athletic director of Bishop College here, has announced the appointment of a new Director of Athletics for the 1957-58 school year. He is Dwight H. Fisher of Oberlin, Ohio, who for the past nine years has been Director of Athletics and Coach at Alcorn A and M College.

Fisher received the Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from Wilberforce in 1935. He earned the Master of Arts degree in physical education at Ohio State University in 1938. He has been coaching twenty years.

Last year, graduates at Alcorn

finished the season with a five win, five loss record. The Cagers won 20 games while dropping 15. During 1956-57, 32 and 33 Alcorn ranked among the top 10 Negro colleges in football.

The rating is based on polls conducted by the Pittsburgh Courier and Chicago Defender. From October 1948 to October 1955, Al-

corn football teams did not lose a conference game, winning 27 straight.

Before coaching at Alcorn, Mr. Fisher coached at Wilberforce during the 1947-48 season. In 1945, he coached at Maryland State at Bowie, Maryland. Fisher coached at Alabama A and M for four years before World War Two.

## On The Charotte SPORTS SCENE

BY BILL JOHNSON

IT MAY NOT MAKE SENSE TO YOU, BUT...

Baseball, as promised and played by the local Negro, is all but dead. The popular City County Negro League is in the last throes of the pinch.

Officials of this semi-pro circuit, which has been going strong for the past 13 years, was appointed here Saturday with the total gate receipts a pitiful sum for their all star contest. Except for an exceptionally fine effort of Phillip Hower, business manager of the Charlotte Hornets of the South Atlantic (CASA) League, who was so persistent in leasing Griffith park, the 1957 would have lost money.

As it turned out, each manager went home with a small profit, pondering next year's promotion. One thing is certain, the league will again have a very good sale of tickets. This was taboed this year and many feel that is why the turn out was so small.

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Ernest Chern and David Reid, two of the youngest members of the Piedmont Board of Officials, have been appointed umpires in the City County League. Both will get their initial assignment shortly.

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## Major League Roundup

CHICAGO (AP) — The other day, Enos Slaughter, veteran outfielder for the New York Yankees, remarked that Elston Howard, his teammate, had hitting in almost singular tough luck.

"Howard has been hitting the ball harder than any of us, except that he has been in hard luck, right at the outfielders."

They say in baseball that if you keep hitting them, some of them are bound to fall safely.

Howard had that kind of afternoon against the Washington Senators last Saturday. He hit a home run and three singles to drive in four runs and lead the Yankees World champions to maintain their 5-game edge over the Chicago White Sox in the American League pennant race.

Roy Campanella hit the 241st

home run of his major league career of Robin Roberts to provide three runs and a 4-0 victory for the Brooklyn Dodgers over the Philadelphia Phillies. The blow marked Campy's 13th roundtripper off the once star righthander.

The hottest home run hitter in the majors last week was Hank Aaron, Milwaukee outfielder. Aaron hit his 27th home run against the Chicago Cubs and his seventh in eight games. The blast gave him more than his entire output for 1956 and equalled his major league high in home runs achieved in 1955.

Larry Doby hit two home runs last week, both to the opposite Frank Lary in Detroit. The second came off Bob Lemon, Cleveland righthander, that landed in the left field stands in Comiskey

Park in Chicago.

In that game won by the White Sox, 5 to 1, Doby aggravated a groin injury by sliding into home plate. He was expected to resume regular action after the All-Star game.

Sam Jones picked up his sixth victory for the St. Louis Cardinals by hurling shut out relief ball as the National League leaders defeated the Cincinnati Redlegs, 3 to 2, in 11 innings. The victor in that game was Brooks Lawrence, who dropped his fifth decision against nine wins.

Aaron was sticking right in there in the race to retain his A as last Sunday morning he National League batting title, was batting at a .341 clip, 12 points behind the leader.

Hank was the leader in hits (112), home runs (27), runs batted in (73) and runs (63).

Other top NL players in the first ten in batting were Willie Mays, New York Giants, 320; Frank Robinson, Cincinnati, 319; and George Crowe, Cincinnati, 307.

In the American League, Bob Boyd, Baltimore, with a .331 average, and Minnie Minozo, Chicago, 315, were among the first 10 hitters. Minozo was fifth in RBIs with 52.

Brooklyn dropped a doubleheader to the Philadelphia Phillies last Sunday and the man who dealt a deadly blow to National League champions in the second game was Chico Fernandez, former Dodger chieftain. Chico slashed a 3-run double to give his team a 3-to-2 victory for the sweep.

Eight workshops will be held as part of the proceedings. They will be devoted to improving conditions in educational administrators' leadership, adult education, reading, science teaching, teacher welfare and security, elementary education, inter-group relations, and secondary education.

Thompson to third. Staley went to second when Fred Davis, Southside's opening pitcher, hit Joe Chisholm with a pitched ball to load the bases. Davis' teammates got him out of the jam temporarily, with a lightning-fast double play that developed when Shortstop Sammy Moore speared a hot shot off the bat of Cornel Fox and threw to Catcher Fere Sims to cut down Thompson who was racing home. Sims then threw to first to nab Fox by a step.

Just when it appeared as if Davis was going to weather the storm, Edward Reid of Grove slapped a single to right center to send two runners scurrying home. An error, a base on balls and Sammy Moore's single produced a marker for the Bombers in their half of the third, and the teams waged a scoreless battle until the top of the seventh.

At that time, Howard Coffey, who relieved Davis on the mound for Southside, gave up a pair of tallies. Major Rankin of Belmont, the game's star batter with a triple and two singles, stroked a triple to deep center and was nabbed trying to stretch it to a homer. Curtis Rivers, second

of three All Star hurlers, then fanned. But Staley got his second knock for the day—a single to center... and Joe Chisholm reached on a single to right and both runners trotted home when Fox smashed a triple to the wall in right center. Southside snuffed the rally when Fox was caught trying to make a home run out of the hit.

If the All Stars were rude to Coffey and his mates in the seventh, they were merciless in the eighth. They pounded him for five hits. This output, coupled with a walk and a fielder's choice, got six runners home before Sims derelicted Coffey for Sandy Hogan. An error, a base on balls and Sammy Moore's single produced a marker for the Bombers in their half of the third, and the teams waged a scoreless battle until the top of the seventh.

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## Joe Louis On Record Firm Staff

CHICAGO (AP) — Joe Louis, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, has joined Mercury Record Corporation's Public Relations Staff.

Joe, for years, has been a great patron of popular music and has many of his favorite artists on the Mercury label.

During his various travels throughout the United States, he will have the opportunity to exploit their recordings among the disc jockeys, dealers and jukebox operators whom Mercury Record Corporation will visit for the Mercury.

Some time in the near future, Mercury contemplates releasing an album by JOE LOUIS called "Keeping Physically Fit". Included in the album will be a booklet on the fundamentals of boxing.

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