

# Mays Could Win NL's Batting, Home Run Honors



**FISHING FOR COMPLIMENTS** — Wimbledon champion Althea Gibson serves up congratulations for small-ry fishing champs Daine Barger, 16, and Douglas Clark, 14, in Brooklyn's Prospect Park. Miss Gibson took time out from her practice for the Wightman Cup matches to salute the 139 winners of the Abraham & Strauss Junior Angler Contest in a victory fish-ry. Doug, 10, of 201 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, caught the heaviest fish in the four-week competition to win a pair of Washington, D.C. Danforth St., Brooklyn won a bicycle for her catch. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO)

## Late Season Surge Puts "Say Hey" Kid On Top

BALTIMORE (AP) — Willie Mays, on a hitting streak last week end in Cincinnati, presaged a late season surge that might bring him into contention for both the National League batting and home run championships.

Willie took a delight to Redlegs pitching. In the four-game series he clouted five home runs, raising his season's total to 24. That put him only six behind the 20 clouted by Hank Aaron, Milwaukee's slugging outfielder.

Subject at times to prolonged slumps, Mays is keeping his average around the .320 mark. The New York Giants' centerfielder also is given to sustained sprints at the plate and may yet challenge Aaron and others for batting honors.

As for Aaron, the NL 1956 batting champion talled off since his return to action after a week's layoff due to a sprained ankle. He managed, at week's end, to hold the batting leadership with a .338 mark, only a 2-percentage point edge over his most persistent challenger this year—Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Aaron, however, dropped behind the Cardinal first sacker in the RBI race. Musial had 84 to Aaron's 80. Cincinnati's George Crowe was third in this department with 69, with Mays in fifth place with 65.

Mays, the fifth best batter percentage-wise, also was the leading base stealer in the majors, as he has been virtually all the season. Willie has 30 base thefts.

Aaron had the most hits of any player in the majors (139) and was top in the NL in runs scored (71). Mays was second in runs (73).

The leading pinchhitter in the majors, in the number of hits, is Julie Bequer, the Cuban first sacker with the Washington Senators. He has delivered 14, his latest driving in the winning tally in a 2-to-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Connie Johnson, Baltimore's righthander, picked up his ninth victory of the season when the Orioles defeated Kansas City in both ends of a twilight doubleheader. Johnson was victorious in the second game, 10 to 2. The Orioles won the first game when Bob Boyd, first baseman, came through with a homer in the 13th inning. Boyd's teammate, outfielder, Joe Durham also propelled a roundtripper. Kansas City's Hector Lopez had one in a losing cause.

Another stunning mound performance was turned in by Sad Sam Jones, St. Louis Cardinals' curveballer. Jones shut out the New York Giants, 8 to 0, and his four whiffs raised his strikeout total over 100 for the third straight season. Jones, who now has 161, led the NL in strikeouts in 1955 and 1956.

Frank Robinson, the young Cincinnati outfielder, was shifted to first base last weekend when the Redlegs acquired Joe Taylor, outfielder from Seattle of the Pacific Coast League.

The NL team reportedly paid a "big bundle" of cash and sent Bob Thurman, utility outfielder and pinchhitter to the minor league team. Taylor's debut was unimpressive. Although he had a single and sacrifice in four official at bat, he struck out three times.

Robinson, incidentally, continued among the first 10 NL hitters. He was batting .315 good enough for sixth place among the hitters.

Boyd and outfielder Minnie Minoso of the Chicago White Sox remained among the top American League hitters. Boyd was fourth with a .324 mark and tied with several other players (including New York's Harry Simpson, for the first place in the league in triples with six. Minoso was sporting a .309 mark.

Outfielder Larry Doby, on a hitting jax last week, raised his average to .90 Doby, who has never hit less than 20 home runs since 1950, collected three in two games in Washington to raise his season's output to 11.



**HEAVYWEIGHT JOHN MAY** is shown landing a solid right to the jaw of Billy Walters in their memorable battle in Charlotte several months ago. He will be seen at the Charlotte Park Center Tuesday night, August 20, when he again tangles with Walters, who hails from Rock Hill, S. C., kayomed May in the sixth round of their first match. The bout highlights a fight card that will feature 36 rounds of boxing.

## St. Augustine's Falcons May Oppose 9 Football Teams

Opening the St. Augustine Falcons' 1957 grid schedule will be the Bears of Shaw University on October 5th at Chavis Park.

The St. Augustine's team will have as its homecoming opponent, the Eagles of North Carolina College on October 12.

The complete schedule is: September 28, open; October 5, Shaw; October 12, North Carolina College; October 19, St. Paul's in Raleigh; October 26, Fayetteville State Teachers College in Fayetteville; November 2, Elizabeth City Teachers College in Elizabeth City; November 9, Winston-Salem Teachers (night); Raleigh; November 16, J. C. Smith University (night); Raleigh; and November 23, Delaware State at Dover.

## 49ers' Joe Perry Is Called Greatest Ground-Gainer In Nat'l Grid Circles

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is another in the series of stories on professional football teams with tan players.

CHICAGO (AP) — Partisans of the San Francisco Forty-Niners will not only be pulling for their favorites finally to win a National Football League title, but they will be cheering Joe Perry as he shoots for an all-time ground-gaining record in the league.

Actually right now the 210-pound jet-propelled fullback is the greatest ground gainer in recorded football history. In nine seasons he has rolled up 6,682 yards on 1,246 carries for a 5.4 average.

The NFL, however, fails to recognize Perry's two seasons in the All-American Conference and thus still lists Steve Van Buren, of the Philadelphia Eagles, as the all-time leader with 5,000 yards in 1,320 attempts for a 4.4 average. Van Buren performed for the Eagles eight seasons.

In NFL competition, Joe the Jet has totaled 5,327 yards in 1,057 attempts in seven NFL seasons. With only 532 yards to go, Perry has a solid chance to overhaul Buren this year.

Perry has never gained under 500 yards—his lowest was 520 in 115 attempts last season—in his pro career. Twice, in consecutive

years, he amassed more than 1,000 yards—1,018 in 1953 and 1,049 in 1954.

He is one of several tan aspirants for the Forty-Niners this season. San Francisco will be without the services of John Henry Johnson, the hard-running halfback, who was traded to the Detroit Lions.

Also, defensive end Charley Powell, as of this writing is on the suspended list. Powell, who made the big jump from high school to professional football has been torn between a pro boxing career and football.

He is now on the team's suspended list. He signed a 49er contract in March and drew an advance on his 1957 salary with the understanding he would devote full-time to football and an off-season job procured for him by the club.

Several days before the training camp opened, Charlie, who worked only two days on the job, announced that he decided to make boxing his full-time career.

Other tan prospects for the team are J. D. Smith, who spent the second half of the 1956 season with the team; Jerry Drew, fullback from California; L. C. Joyner, junior college grad making his second try for the squad; John Thomas, 215-pound offensive and defensive end from the College of Pac-

fic, and Willie Beamon, 245-pound guard and tackle from Jackson (Miss.) State College.

A versatile performer, Smith joined the 49ers after his release by the Chicago Bears. He plays at offensive wingback or linebacker, defensive wingback or linebacker. The 61 205-pound North Carolina A and T grad will probably be used this year primarily on defense.

Drew, a 511 145-pounder was San Francisco's 23rd draft choice in 1956, but completed his eligibility at California. He has a tough assignment in beating out Perry and Bill Bowman, the former Detroit Lion obtained in the Johnson trade.

Joyner, a 155-pound flanker back and offensive end, starred for East Central State (Calif.) Junior College and was a 1st draft choice in 1956.

Thomas, a 6'7", 125-pound basketball star at COP, has good speed and a good pair of hands. Chances might be enhanced considerably if Powell sticks by his decision. Thomas was the 49ers' 23rd draft choice last January.

Signed as a free agent, Beamon captained Jackson State his sophomore and senior years. He spent two years in the Army.

## To Open Drills Sept. 15th:

## Ligon's Little Blues Plan Nine-Game Grid Schedule

The Ligon High Little Blues begin practice on Thursday, September 15, in preparation for a nine-game football schedule. The team was hit very hard last season through graduation. However, the coaches are expecting the return of thirteen lettermen for the initial practice.

Lettermen expected are: Linebacker—Co-Captain Frank Gardner, who was an All-State choice for tackle last year, weighs 226; Bobby Matthews, Bobby Gardner, James Lane, Claude Trotter, and Walter Rawlins.

The returning backs are headed by Co-Captain Frank Hunter, who did a remarkable job for the Little Blues offensively last year. Other backs are Napoleon Johnson, Ira Frazier, Elijah Walker, Carl McKnight, Leon Brewer, and William Tate.

There are a number of reserves returning to the squad this season: Charlie Watkins, Benjamin Curtis, James Woods, Nathaniel Rochelle, Garland Hunt, James Hunter, Lewyn Hayes, William Rob-

ertson, Frank Pearson, William Davis, David Forbes, Emnis Blount, and Lynwood Monroe.

Included among the newcomers are William Mims, Wiley Latham, William Crockett, Albert Hawkins, William Johnson, Lonnie McClain, Maryland Jones, Charles Davis, Charles Williams, Fletcher Scribes, Norman Sipes, Bennie Mack, Robert Jones, and Charles Manual.

There will be two sessions per day for the first two weeks. The morning session begins at 7 o'clock and the afternoon session begins at 4 o'clock. Coaches Pete Williams and George Foxwell are expecting seventy candidates for the opening session.

The 1957 schedule is as follows: Home Games: Sept. 20, Darden, Wilson; Oct. 11, J. T. Barber, (Homecoming) New Bern; Oct. 25, Adkin, Kingston; Nov. 1, Atkins, Winston-Salem.

Games Away: Sept. 6, E. E. Smith, Fayetteville; Sept. 13, Elizabeth City.

## Jackie Robinson, Elston Howard Star On NBC's 'Night Line' Radio Program

NEW YORK (AP)—Jackie Robinson, former star of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Elston Howard of the New York Yankees, made an appearance together on NBC's "Night Line" radio program Wednesday evening. They reminisced a bit about their experiences in big league baseball.

Their discussions started off with observations about the treatment they had received from white fellow players and both reported that while there was a tendency to kid and belittle them when they first started, conditions have improved immeasurably.

Jackie told how Branch Rickey, then Brooklyn's manager and the man who gave him his chance, had coached him in great detail on how he should act in every situation. He was not to fight back or exhibit his temper because he was fighting for something bigger than his personal feelings.

Jackie said he observed all the restrictions until toward the end of his career and when he felt he was accepted, and then he got to the place where he refused to take personal indignities and gave back as good as he received.

No "Bean Balls" Fired At Negroes Elston asked by Jackie whether he felt that some pitchers fired balls directly at Negro players because they were Negroes, said no. Howard said he had to hit the dust a number of times when he first joined the Yankees but he was unwilling to believe that any pitcher had actually aimed at his head. He pointed out that white players were hit too.

Jackie told how during his early years, a black cat was brought to the bench presumably to play on superstition, how one player came out attired in a Pullman porter's uniform and how one day some one brought a watermelon on the field. He said that each time he concentrated on hitting the ball and when he was lucky enough to smash out a real good one, those annoyances disappeared.

Elston Howard said the only real affront which bothered him was that for a long time in Baltimore, he was forced to find lodging apart from the other members of the team because Baltimore hotels would not accept a Negro guest but that this year that ban had been lifted in the hotel where the team stays and everything moves smoothly.

"Accepts All As Americans" Jackie pleased the interview which was just a conversation between themselves without the conductor having anything to say, by remarking that he hoped in many other fields of life in America, progress would be made just as it had in baseball and that the public would accept all people simply as Americans without regard to race, color or creed.

## Detroit, Hampton Net Stars Take Top Honors At Durham

DURHAM—At the close of the fourth day of action in the National Junior Tennis Tournament at North Carolina here recently, William Neilson, of Hampton, Va., and Gwen McEvans, Detroit, Mich., walked away with a share in three championships.

Top seeded Neilson successfully defended the boys' championship by defeating Albert Brooks, Atlanta, Ga., 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Mary Ann Henry, of Hawkins, Tex., dropped her 1956 girls' laurels in the 15-13 age group, to Miss Neilson teamed with Miss McEvans to win the mixed double after having joined James Strout, also of Hampton, to win the boys' doubles of

the 15 to 18 age group. Miss McEvans, after winning the girls' singles teamed with Beverly Jackson, Baltimore, Md., to win the girls' doubles for the 15-18-year-olds.

Following the end of play in which 75 youths from over the nation participated, champions in twelve divisions were presented a total of 34 trophies donated for the third year by the Cocco-Cola Company, Atlanta, Ga., co-sponsor of the event.

Durham insurance executive W. E. Cooke, chairman of the ATA Junior Development Program, received the trophies from the Moss M. Kendrick Organization, Washington, D. C.



**BEGINNING OF THE END** — Former welterweight champ Kid Gavilan of Havana, Cuba, stands over his fallen opponent, Casper Ortega of Mexico, after he knocked him to the canvas in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Gavilan, has been plagued by a long losing streak, broke it with a bang as he blasted his way to a unanimous decision over Ortega, a 2 to 1 favorite at Miami Beach, Florida. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO)

## Cards' Ollie Matson Gets Jaycees Most Valuable Player Award In Ill.

In August:

## UGA Sets Tournament For Dee Cee

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Wake Robin Golf Club, of this city, is making plans for one of the biggest tournaments of the history of the United Golfers Association, which will stage its 31st annual event over the beautiful courses of Potomac Park, August 29-30.

It is expected that the tournament will bring to Washington one of the largest groups of golfers to participate in the UGA event for many years, according to Mrs. Ethel M. Williams, president of the all-women's Wake Robin Golf which is serving as host for the tournament. Large numbers of registrations have already been received.

In addition to a beautiful array of trophies for the championship divisions for men, women, senior men, and junior boys and girls, Wake Robin has announced that there will be trophies and prizes for as many fights as are entered in the various divisions of the tournament. The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia, has contributed the championship trophies for five years.

Charles Sifford, Philadelphia, who placed high in the money ranks of the recent Eastern Open at Baltimore, will defend his championship in the pro division, while Gordon Goodson, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is defending amateur champion. Pro purse and flight trophies are sponsored by the UGA and the host club, while Schaefer Brewing Company is also a donor of trophies this year.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Ollie Matson, Midway Chicago Cardinals grid star, last week was voted the Outstanding Professional Football Player in Chicago and presented with the Chicago Junior Chamber of Commerce annual award at the College All-Stars luncheon sponsored annually by the Jaycees. The luncheon preceded the College All-Stars-New York Giants classic at Soldiers Field last Friday night.

Each year the Jaycees honor the outstanding professional gridder with the award, based on citizenship, ability and performance. Matson's professional record with the Cards last year in the four years he has performed with the squad justifies his selection. During the four-year span, he has carried the pigskin 497 times for 2,249 yards, has caught 77 passes good for 1,234 yards, returned 38 punts for 470 yards, returned 65 kickoffs for 1,802 yards and scored 156 points, the equivalent of 51 touchdowns.

Matson came to Chicago to receive the award on permission of coach Ray Richards. The Redbirds are in training for the 1957 grid season at suburban Lake Forest. In their first pre-season game, the Cards will face the Green Bay Packers in Miami, Fla.

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